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8TH REGIMENT IN NEW HOME FEB. 22

Opens with Colonial Ball, with Gov. Dunne, Mayor Harrison, Judge Olson and Others as Special Guests

WHAT ABOUT THE GREAT EXPOSITION HERE?

Medill McCormick and Hon. E. H. Morris Deliver Addresses Last Sunday Afternoon at Appomattox Club—Harrison Stewart Royally Received at Home—Miss Helen Ricks Studying Dramatic Art—Dr. Leonard Lewis Purchases a $2,000 Automobile—Musicales at Wabash Avenue Association.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Freeman Bureau, 3000 South State St., Phone, Douglass 8058, Automatic 75-233.

CHICAGO, Ill., (Special).

The night of February 22, the citizens of Chicago will have an opportunity to have their first dance in the new Eighth Regiment Armory. This occasion will be known as Colonial night and every officer from Col. F. A. Denison, commanding down to a private will be present to pay homage to the occasion. Governor Dunne, Major Harrison, Judge Olson, Hon. Robert Switzer, candidate for major; city officials, Alderman Hardin, Senator Ettleson, Congressman Madden, Hon. Louis B. Anderson, Hon. Oscar DePriest, Hon. Charles Griffin, candidates for aldermen of the second ward and all men prominent in political, professional and social life have been invited. Col. Franklin A. Denison stated to The Freeman representative that the building will be ready and he expected the largest crowd that ever attended a dance in the "Windy City." At last the dream for a new armory has come true. For twenty years or more the citizens of this city have been talking about armory; it's here. It has been described in these columns before. Col. Denison's headquarters have been completed. It is a gold room, handsomely furnished and every painting on the wall was done by an artist. One of the prettiest paintings is Col. Denison on a white steed while in Cuba. It is the very image of the distinguished soldier and military chieftain. Just to the left of the colonel is a type writer and desk for the "war correspondent," who, on public occasions and military life, acts as confidential secretary. On the night of Feb. 22, the Eighth Regiment band will furnish the music. All the latest dances of the season will be played. Don't forget the date, Monday night coming. Be present at the first opening of the only armory of the race in the world. The "war correspondent" will be glad to present any citizen to Col. Denison and his staff on that evening. A special invitation is being sent to Freeman and staff.

Lincoln and Douglass Celebration.

Lincoln and Douglass, two of America's greatest citizens, were eulogized on last Sunday afternoon at Appomattox Club, 35th and Wabash avenue. Mr. Medill McCormick, of the Chicago Tribune, spoke on Douglass and Hon. E. H. Morris, on Lincoln. These two noted speakers brought out the fact that Lincoln and Douglass not only represented American ideas, but world ideas of their century. They stood for nationality. It took new hold on men's minds, relegating the old imperial idea to the scrap heap. Democracy became a living force, even struggling to express itself more completely. Lincoln and Douglass belong not only to this country, but to the civilation of all the western nations. Mr. McCormick showed that he was familiar with Douglass both here and in England. He told of the rapid progress of the race and saw encouragemnt and hope for this group of people. Mr. Morris was very eloquent in his eulogy of Lincoln. He discussed the "railsplitter" from various angles. His tribute was a master piece. Attorney B. F. Moseley was master of ceremonies and he presided with dignity. The soloist for the occasion was Madame Annis Hackley. She sang two numbers that were heartily appreciated and showed wonderful training. She is one of the big singers of the west and is now at the Chicago Musical College. Mr. Harrison Emanuel played two numbers on the violin that won for him applause after applause. The occasion was one long to be remembered in this city.

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Purchases Abbott Detroit Car.

Dr. Leonard Lewis has purchased an Abbott Detroit car, costing $2,200; seven passenger limousine and as palatial as a Pullman sleeper. This is the third car Dr. Lewis has purchased and feels that this car is the acme of automobile mechanism. The car is driven by Dr. Lewis' nephew and will stand in front of the Elite No. 2.

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Musicales at the Wabash Ave. Association.

Last Thursday night, under the direction of Mr. Cary B. Lewis and Mr. M. Pierre Callioux, a series of musicales were inaugurated. On the program were Madame Eudora Locket Fisher, M. Pierre Callioux and Mr. Merriweather. It was pronounced the best of its kind ever heard in the main auditorium. The concert was so well appreciated that it was decided to have them fortnightly. Thursday night of next week the committee will most likely have Madame Annis Hackley, Mr. Harrison Emanuel, Mr. Merriweather, Mr. Calliaux and Miss Ethel Minor. The public is cordially invited. There is no admission.

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Harrison Stewart Here.

Mr. Harrison Stewart, one of the principal teachers of the Old Pekin Theatre, and from his instructions have gone out hundreds to grace the stage and make a name for themselves, is in the city this week with a big company, the best that has been seen at the Grand for some time. The first two nights the house has been packed. Mr. Stewart is immensely popular. His comedy is clean and amusing. He made his debut in the "Windy City" and made good every since. The large crowds nightly testifies that Mr. Harrison is admired at home as well as the east and west. Chicago welcomes him and wishes him continued success on the stage.

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Dave Peyton Moves.

Prof. Dave Peyton, musical director of the Grand and Symphony orchestras, has moved in the "loop district." The well known song writer and music arranger, is now at the Randolph building, 145 North Clark street. He has contracts with the Watterson-Berlin-Snyder Music Company to do their work exclusively. Mr. Peyton has arranged numbers for Emma Carue, "Land of Make Believe," and "Dolly Doll's." Mr. Peyton is making rapid strides musically and his recent leap in the "loop district" is another evidence of his desire to make a bigger name for himself. Mr. Peyton states that in the spring the Symphony Orchestra will give the biggest musical and dance ever pulled off in the west.

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Binga Dismond Champion.

Mr. Binga Dismond, representing the Chicago University fast track team, went to Lafayette, Ind., last week and won the honor of being the fastest runner in the west. He is a cousin to Mr. Jesse Binga, the banker, and the runner was accompanied by his cousin. On their return the team, under the direction of Coach Stagg returned in a Pullman sleeper and Mr. Binga and Mr. Dismond were shown many courtesies. The runner is a student of the Chicago University.

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Lincoln Memorial Church.

Lincoln Memorial Church celebrated Douglass and Lincoln day last Sunday evening. Mr. J. D. Brooks acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Willie M. Sloan was the soloist and William Hale Porter, the orator. Others on the program were Miss Mable Reynolds, Edmund Ware and Arthur Steinhouse.

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Miss Daisy Sampson, the Nurse.

Miss Daisy Sampson, who is one of the nurses for the city, has been especially invited to attend the musical Sunday week at 17th and Wabash Ave., Nurses' Home.

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What of the Exposition Here?

The commission appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois to promote and direct the affairs incident to the celebration depicting the progress of the race since Emancipation apparently up to date, have spent most of their time figuring out ways and means to get their hands on the State appropriation of $25,000. According to actual reports they have succeeded in absorbing $17,000 of the amount and at the rate they are going the other $8,000 will soon go in the same sinking fund. The public are asking, and with a perfect right, what has been accomplished? That is what has been accomplished besides fattening the purses and filling the stomach of several of those on the pay roll. This pay roll proposition appears to be the most important thing the members have to look after. It is too bad that the race as a whole must suffer at the hands of the few. There is little need in a city like Chicago or in the state like Illinois for the displaying of the handicraft and progress of our people; we are far above the Mason and Dixon line and trying to lose our identity as far as being a separate class; therefore, why should we call attention to the fact that we are trying to stand aloof from the great majority of other citizens. If the people as a whole have an exposition and we wish to take part as American citizens, it is a horse of another color. We have done many things that seem marvelous viewed from our own standpoint, but we have yet far to go to measure up to the standards set before us.

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Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams Invited.

The board of directors of the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium was opened at Bryn Mawr and Crawford avenues. It was held at 2 o'clock. Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, who has been connected with the institution for years, was one of the special guests. Dr. Williams is one of the authorities on tuberculosis and his recent article in "Outdoor Life" has been liberally commented upon by the best physicians of the city and country. Already he has been invited to deliver addresses in various parts of the country and this spring we may expect to see him on the road talking on "How Best to Stay the Hand of Tuberculosis."

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Miss Helen Ricks Taking Dramatic Art.

Miss Helen Ricks, of Iowa, and well known in the west, has been in Chicago several months at the Art Institute, taking painting and dramatic art. She has an excellent training and this is enabling her to make a splendid record in her study of dramatic art. Her expression, voice and gestures are fine and with the completion of this course we may expect to have in this country a young woman to stand out in dramatic art as does Miss Hazel Harrison in music and Miss Jessie Faucet as a story writer. To such artists we wish great success. Miss Georgia Osby, of Springfield, Ill., is another one of the younger girls of the race who is at the Art Institute who is taking artistic painting. Already she has shown signs of a bright future. These young women deserve encouragement and this they are receiving both from parents and friends.

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Mrs. H. S. Smith Pleased With Visit.

Mrs. H. S. Smith, mother of Miss Mabel Smith, stenographer of the Indianapolis Freeman, was greatly pleased with her recent trip at Indianapolis. She says the staff members of the Freeman know how to entertain visitors. She says the luncheon given by Mr. Geo. G. Simmons, foreman of the Freeman, could not be surpassed. When he visits here this summer similar courtesies will be extended him.

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Minstrel Rehearsing.

The Amateur Minstrel company has begun rehearsing for Easter Monday night. Mr. Charles Washington is president and the boys are turning out every Friday night to the rehearsals. The minstrel will be different from the rest of the shows; new novelties and songs and extra talent. Last year the "boys" realized over $400 for the Old Folk's Home and this year they expect to do much better.

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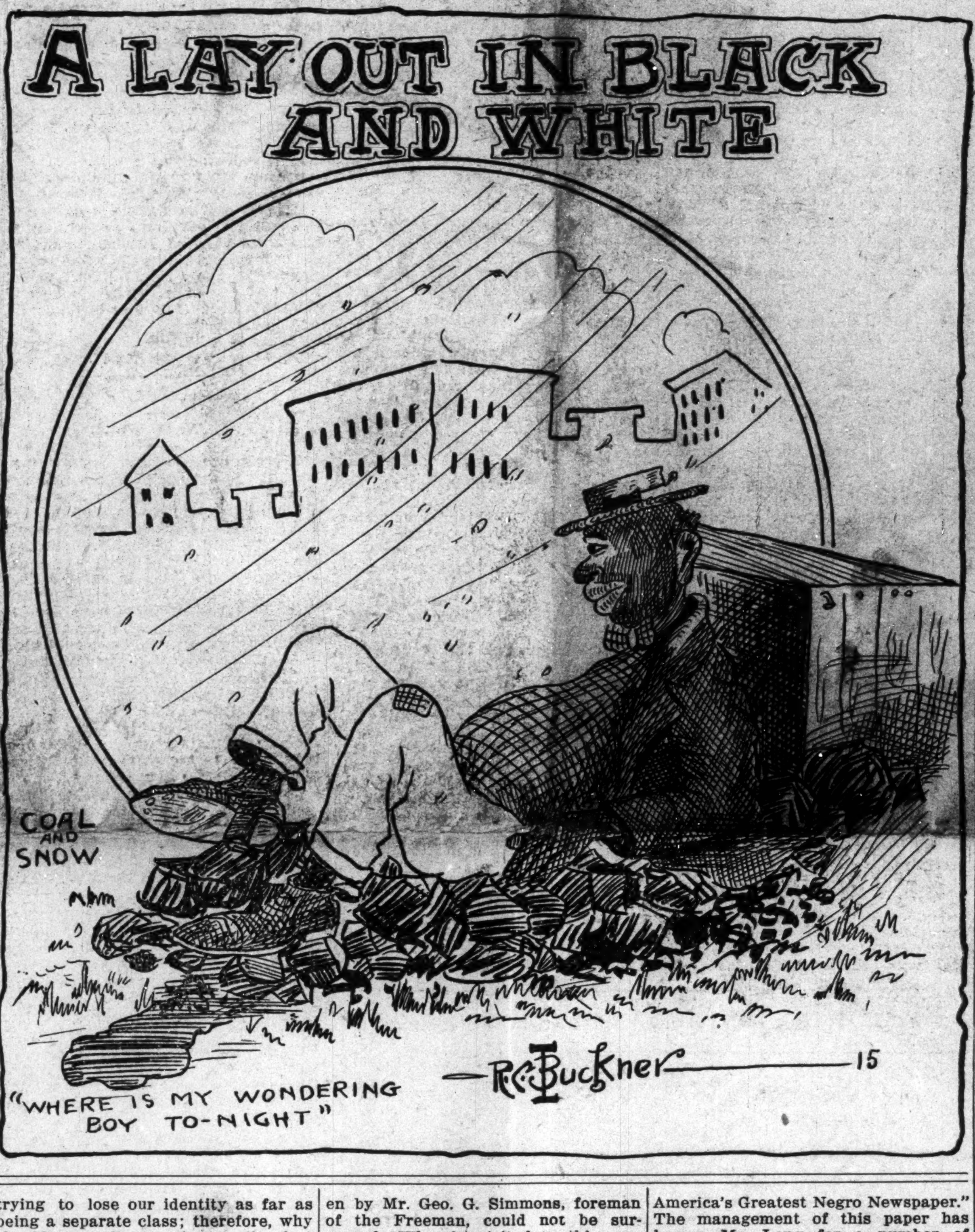
Primary February 23.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 will be primary. This day will tell the fate of Messrs. Louis B. Anderson, Oscar Depriest and Charles Griffen, race men, who are running for aldermen in the Second Ward. There are six white men in the race and if the colored men will do their whole duty one of the three will be nominated. Let us hope it will be a race man.

AN ART EXPRESSION.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ORGANIZE CHRISTMAS CLUB.

Special to The Freeman.

SAVANNAH, GA.—It is reported that more than 500 colored people, including many newsboys, have joined the 1915 Christmas Club of the Wage Earners' Bank here, of which Walter S. Scott, a graduate of Tuskegee, is cashier.

PUBLISHES A STUDY OF RACE.

Special to The Freeman.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—C. H. Watson has published a study of the colored people in his city. The book is neatly done and contains a statistical study of Negro business enterprises, together with a hundred cuts of residents and residences.

THE GREAT LEON MAKES STARTLING RECORD IN FLORIDA

Becomes a Very Successful Agent of The Freeman, Making Large Attractive Sales.

Mr. L. R. Long, favorably known as the great Leon, is now at Tampa, Fla., establishing a wonderful record both in the mystic world as a magician and as a hustling newspaper representative. He has proven that he is very progressive in his ideas of boosting business by displaying a large sign on the stage which he has the following printed on it: "The Freeman, America's Greatest Negro Newspaper." The management of this paper has known Mr. Long for a number of years and takes great pleasure in recommending him to the public as a clever actor and a gentleman of honest, upright principles.

ANDERSON WRITES "NEGRO'S CREED."

Special to The Freeman.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 17.—The "Negroes' Creed" is a "Confession of Faith" in Negro business enterprises written as an advertisement by Charles H. Anderson of the well-known banking firm of Anderson and Company of Jacksonville, Florida. It is a splendid example of "reason-why" advertising, and is printed on an attractive card. Mr. Anderson is treasurer of the National Negro Business League.

COLORED WAITERS ORGANIZE AT CALIFORNIA.

Special to The Freeman.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The Colored Waiters and Cooks' Association of California has been organized with headquarters here. Greater efficiency, protection and advertising their services to hotel proprietors of the state are some of the objects.

COLORED PEOPLE HOLD RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS.

Special to The Freeman.

DENVER, COLO., Feb. 16.—The O. P. Baur Company, one of the oldest and largest catering establishments in the west, has several colored people holding responsible positions. Owen Caswell has under his care all of the linen and silver and chinaware.

SHIPS LARGE AMOUNT OF AFRICAN PRODUCE.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The African Union Company, an organization of Negroes, incorporated under the laws of New York for $50,000.00, recently shipped from its African office to its New York office 5,820 pounds of cocoa beans and two hundred ninety-three and four-fifths tons of mahogany. The European war has made shipping hazardous, but the company has continued storing logs in Africa and is awaiting opportunity to ship more of them. Mr. Joseph L. Jones, secretary, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. John T. Birch, treasurer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are busy finding markets for many kinds of African produce to be forwarded to New York.

NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

Dr. Booker T. Washington Says at Hampton Meeting that the Influence of Hampton is Still Needed South

5,000 PEOPLE CHEER THE GREAT EDUCATOR!

More that 2,000 Present at Great Lincoln Day Celebration at Ethical Culture Hall, Under Supervision of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Gov. Whitman in Presenting First Spingarn Medal to Prof. Ernest Just, Says "There is to be no Color Line in New York"—Pickups.

Allen's National News Bureau,
252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 15, 1915.—Five thousand people enthusiastically applauded Dr. Booker T. Washington last Monday evening, when he rose to speak at the annual meeting held in this city in the interest of Hampton Institute. Dr. Washington ascended the rostrum after William Jay Schieffelin had referred to him as one of the most illustrious of Americans who has added luster and fame to his country. The appearance of the Tuskegeean was the signal for a large outpouring. As usual a large gathering of men and women of the race was present. It was the largest Hampton meeting held in this city and the promoters of the meeting expressed themselves as being pleased the growing interest in the work of Hampton. Before Dr. Washington spoke there were many interesting features typical of the work Hampton is doing for the Indian and the Negro. There were motion pictures showing various phases of the educational system at Hampton. Methods of instruction in the class-room, various phases of student life, including the inspection of the cadets of the school, etc., were vividly portrayed on the screen. There were other pictures showing the graduates of Hampton at work in the community and rural sections of the south. It was brought out that most of the buildings of Hampton were built by the students and that Hampton is more like West Point in its military discipline than any other school in the country. Jubilee songs that have made Hampton famous were sung by the Hampton quartette and Harry T. Burleigh of this city.

Following an address by Dr. Schieffelin, who called attention to the work of many of the Hampton graduates and how that school is doing much assistance in the solution of the race problem, Dr. Washington was presented. Dr. Washington said in part: "The good work that is being done at Hampton is due to the untiring energy of Dr. H. B. Frissell, the principal of the school. A number of years ago, Dr. Frissell left his comfortable home in the north and went to labor among the lowly members of my race. A great many of his friends said to him that he would lose his life, but from the work that he has been able to bring about it seems that he has found his life." Continuing, Dr. Washington said: "What is going on in the south is due very largely to Hampton, it has led the way in what is wise and best." At this juncture Dr. Washington set at rest his position relative to the higher education of the race when he said: "Although we need Hampton, I do not mean to say that such colleges for the higher education of the Negro like Fisk, Atlanta and other universities are not needed. Through such institutions the Negro has been able to live in this country along beside the white man and survive. If you study history you will find that the Negro race is the only race that has been able to live by the side of the white man in this country. There are more Negroes today in this country than there are people in Wales, Scotland and Ireland. I am glad to congratulate our country, that when the temptation came to pass an unjust immigration bill which would have affected the Negro, the senate failed to pass such an unjust law." Dr. Washington called attention to the growing signs tending toward race betterment in the south through such agencies as the Southern Sociological Congress and such able men of the south as Governor O'Neil, of Alabama. He called attention to the invitation issued by the governor of Louisiana to tour that state in May to make a study of the conditions surrounding the Negro in that state. Throughout the address Dr. Washington was heartily applauded. At the conclusion of the address Dr. Adams, of the Hampton Association of this city, offered a resolution to be sent to Major R. R. Moton, who was detained at Hampton through the illness of his little son. The resolution was passed in the midst of great applause. Then the annual appeal was made.

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Dr. Washington Active in the Metropolis.

Dr. Booker T. Washington crowded in busy moments on his last visit to this city. From the time the educator arrived in the city until he left last week for Tuskegee he was kept constantly on the go. He attended a meeting of the trustees of Fisk University, the Jeane's Fund and of the General Educational Board. Sunday evening, February 7, he was entertained at dinner by Dr. E. P. Roberts. Among those present were Dr. Charles and Mrs. Roberts and Fred R. Moore, of the New York Age.

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A Notable Lincoln Celebration.

Two thousand people representing best citizenship of both races of this and other cities were present at the celebration in honor of Lincoln's birthday at the Ethical Culture Hall, last Friday evening under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It was one of the most notable celebrations ever held in this country to do honor to the memory to the great emancipator, and speakers high in the national life of this country extolled the virtues and character of the martyred president and called him the greatest of Americans. The crowning feature of the meeting was the presence of Governor Charles S. Whitman, of New York state, who presented the first medal donated by Prof. S. J. E. Spingarn to the man or woman of the race who achieves the highest distinction along any given line for the year. The tenor of the addresses struck a high note of brotherhood. Dr. J. E. Spingarn called the meeting to order and presented Oswald G. Villard, the militant editor of the New York Evening Post, who presided. He proceeded at once to present the governor and when he rose he was greeted with great applause.

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Governor Whitman, in presenting the medal to Prof Ernest Just of the Medical School of Howard University who was recommended by the committee for the medal for his research along biological lines, Governor Whitman said: "The brilliant young man whom the committee has selected for this medal has accomplished much. He has been performing high service for his race and country since his graduation. I am glad to see that in the field of science my race is willing to give proper recognition. Dr. Just has made the most of his opportunities and has shown the possibilities of the race." Speaking in behalf of the state the governor said: "Discrimination against any race in this state must injure all. We are one group working for one common end." He then called Dr. Just to the rostrum and his military aide presented the medal. Dr. Just, who is a graduate of Dartmouth College, made a brief, modest address and was heartily applauded when he took his seat. Dr. Villard called attention to the significance the N. A. A. C. P. honoring the memory of Lincoln in this great celebration and said that the organization stands unswervingly for the principles for which Lincoln stood. Mr. Villard said the association had over fifty-six branches throughout the country, and that by next year a membership of 10,000 is expected. He presented the next speaker, Prof. Williams Pickens, of Wiley University, who on the day of his graduation led his class at Yale. Prof. Pickens is well known in this city and when the brilliant young scholar rose he faced an audience of 2,000 people who gave him an ovation that told of the place he has in the hearts of the people. Prof. Pickens spoke on the Negro, a challenge to American Christianity and Democracy. Prof. Pickens traced the growth of the Negro from the time he came here 300 years ago and said that he has made a place for himself in the commonwealth. He urged the Negro to get the ballot and to protest against every form segregation as tended toward subordination. He scored such measures as the inter-marriage bill and said that such measures always worked the greatest harm to the Negro.

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He paid a glowing tribute to the character of the women of the race which brought forth great applause. At the conclusion of his address the audience rose and sang the battle hymn of the republic. It was led by Mrs. Daisy Tapley.

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Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, representative of Persia to the United States, spoke on the Oneness of Mankind. He said in a larger sense there were no difference in mankind. He paid a great tribute to Lincoln. Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, the well-known suffrag-

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Short Flights

By R. W. Thompson.

It is so easy to get the things one does not want.

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Intellectuality without character counts for nothing.

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Observe "National Health Week, March 21 to 27. Clean up and keep cleaned up from then until the end of the year.

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The only man who makes no mistakes is the fellow who does nothing—and doing nothing is the biggest mistake of all.

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We emerge from our little "scrap" with the Washington Black-handers" with our tail feathers intact and our withers unwrung.

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There is never a justification for lynching. The law can handle any one who transgresses its mandates. Let the courts decide.

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"Sis Hopkins" crowded a world of wisdom in a single sentence when she said, "It ain't no use in doing' nuthin' fer nobody what don't do nuthin' fer you."

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The Baltimore colored schools are to have names instead of the present system of being known by numbers. There will be no dearth of worthy names to select from.

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The entire country is watching the muddle school situation at Washington. Colored America joins with the nation's capital in demanding a change in the administrators of the system.

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The Negro Exposition, planned for Richmond, Va., and advertised to open in July, is lagging behind its opportunieies. If Col. Jackson does not start soon, there can be no exposition worthy of the race.

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That war in Europe is all that General Sherman is accredited to saying war is—and then some. It ought to be stopped, in the name of suffering humanity. And, what is it about, anyhow?

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Editor W. E. King, one of the giants of the Negro press, has our thanks for the nice things he said about us in a recent issue of his Dallas Express, in connection with the print of our "phiz."

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The groundhog was considerate on the 2d. He did not make any particular effort to see his shadow. Spring ought to get on the job early, if the wiseacres are correct. We are due some sort of compensation for these troublous times.

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The gathering of newspaper men at Nashville, Tenn., on the 12th and 13th will mark a new epoch in the life of the "fourth estate." Melvon J. Chisum, Henry Allan Boyd and Joseph L. Jones will be greatly in evidence.

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"National Health Week," March 21 to 27, can be made a good thing for the race. Push the "Keep Well" movement. Good health means wealth and happiness. Dr. Washington has sprung another brilliant idea and everybody should help to make it of benefit to all concerned.

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The defeat of the immigration bill, with its unwise literacy clause, was in keeping with good sense and common justice. Let the down-trodden of the Old World come here and help us to make it a land of peace and plenty. The illiterate ones are not always the most dangerous ones. Those that make trouble can be sent back, or handled by our own laws.

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Up in Boston a literary society has been discussing the burning question: "Is a large family an asset or a hindrance to a married man?" There is much to be said on both sides of such a deep problem and much was said, according to the report that reached us.

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Some fool editor has put forth a discussion of the question: "Is Booker Washington a Coward " As no one has raised such an issue, why is it necessary to argue it, even if the conclusion is in the "Wizard's" favor, as the record shows it must be? The editor in question is either a fool or a knave—probably both.

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The lynching of a white man by a Georgia mob proves that Booker T. Washington is a prophet, when he said nearly twenty years ago: "If the spirit of mob violence is permitted to grow, the time will come when Negroes will not be the sole victims of its wrath. If black men can be killed with impunity, the lives of white men will soon be placed in jeopardy." Disrespect for the law does not confine its ravages within race lines.

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The Anna T. Jeanes Fund Board, which met in New York a few days ago, was given $10,000 by the General Education Board, to which it added $40,000, and this sum will be used during the current year for Negro education in the South. The Jeanes Fund trustees are now supplying in full 150 teachers in various sections of the South, and many of them are acting as assistant county superintendents.

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A woman, who has prepared herself for a career as an educator, should not be denied the right to continue teaching after marriage, if she chooses to follow her chosen profession. Married women have made successful teachers wherever the experiment has been tried, and it is quite natural they should do so. The new woman is engaging in all of the useful callings. Why should teaching alone be closed against her—the calling in which she particularly excels?

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In the decennial report of the activities of the General Education Board, recently issued for general distribution, the words "Negro" and "Negroes" are spelled with a capital "N" wherever reference is made to the race. At the January meeting of the board, $91,000 was appropriated for the work of a group of colored schools in the South. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., is the creator of the board. It has done a splendid work for Negro education throughout the country.

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According to a decision of a Minnesota judge, a Sunday school is a social organization, and the civil rights act does not consider churches, religious societies, etc., within the purview of its control. A colored girl sued a white Sunday school organization for being compelled to sit apart at a service of Christian worship, and the above decision grew out of her complaint under the state civil rights law. The white man cannot be compelled to share his Christianity with a Negro, if he feels inclined to draw the color line.

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N. B. Dodson, who has made the Negro a part and parcel of the Associated Press system, is always having honors thrust upon him and he never fails to wear them gracefully. He has been elected president of the Sons of Virginia of Greater New York. He is a native of the "Old Dominion," and belongs to that class of Virginians who do not deny their birthplace as soon as they "get warm" in a Northern city. No element of New York's cosmopolitan population has made longer strides forward than the Colored Sons of Virginia, and they have done well to choose Mr. Dodson as their leader.

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Charles W. Anderson, the big-hearted Collector of Internal Revenue, gave $100 to the mayor's fund for the benefit of the unemployed in the City of New York. Mr. Anderson is an honor to the race with which he is identified. As the internal revenue collector for the richest districts in the country he has made a record that has held him on the job, in spite of racial or political considerations. His career is an inspiration to the Afro-American youth everywhere. The teachers in our public schools should talk about this wonderful man, and tell their pupils about the remarkable things he is doing every day. Let us extol our great characters while they yet live.

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There is no "issue" between the N. A. A. C. P. and Dr. Booker T. Washington, much as certain superserviceable persons try to make such a monstrosity appear plausible. Many friends of the "Wizard" are members of the association and many of the association are ardent believers in the efficiency of industrial education as a solution of the economic problems that menace the race. Each element is doing its own work in its own way and those who endeavor to stir up strife between them is no friend to either. There is no antagonism between sensible folks, though they strive for similar ends through different means.

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The Durham (N. C.) Reformer has reappeared after a suspension since last November, bearing evidence of renewed vitality. The falling off of receipts in the smaller cities, owing to the decline in cotton, made it impossible for the publishers to operate the paper without sacrifices beyond their means. Times are getting better and it is expected that the paper will be gotten out regularly from now on. What is true of The Reformer has been the sad experience of many of our papers in the Southland, although many have weathered the storm in divers ways. The Reformer suffered from a disastrous fire a few months ago, which rendered it weak when the stress came. Here's luck to you, Brothers Young, Woodward and Adams.

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At a magnificent banquet at New Albany, Ind., on the 4th a big boom for Mrs. Mary E. Washington for Most Worthy Grand Superior of the Household of Ruth of the nation was "sprung." Mrs. Washington was elected Grand Chaplain at the Boston meeting last September, which indicates that she is known to the order throughout the land. She is a woman of remarkable executive ability and is a skilled parliamentarian. As the head of the Ruthites in Indiana she has made a record that will commend her to the country at large. Her boom will grow, and if the delegation of the Hoosier state will hustle, Mrs. Washington stands an excellent chance of being elected to the highest office within the gift of the fraternity she has served so long and well.

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The 24th Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference said, in its formal declaration: "In the midst of the hard times caused by a great war in another part of the world, the Negro farmers of the South must diversify their crops, raise their own foodstuffs, live at home, do all that can be done to promote friendly relations between the races. Reduce the output in cotton, and watch the market for guidance as to the rightful quantity that will command good prices. Raise cattle, hogs and poultry, grow corn, oats and potatoes. Keep the millions of dollars at home that are now going away to the North and West for food for man and beast, and with the money buy improved farm machinery, build school houses and pay our teachers, preachers and doctors, and get beautiful homes." The attendance was large and the program was lively from start to finish. The noticeable thing about the Conference of this year, as compared with its earlier meetings, was the scarcity of the men and women who used to come with poor clothes and bandanna handkerchiefs on their heads, and make a specialty of telling their "troubles." Today they have become prosperous, well-dressed and happy and in their talk sounded the high notes of success. The Tuskegee Negro Conference is moving the Negro farmer to the front. It is building the race on a solid foundation.

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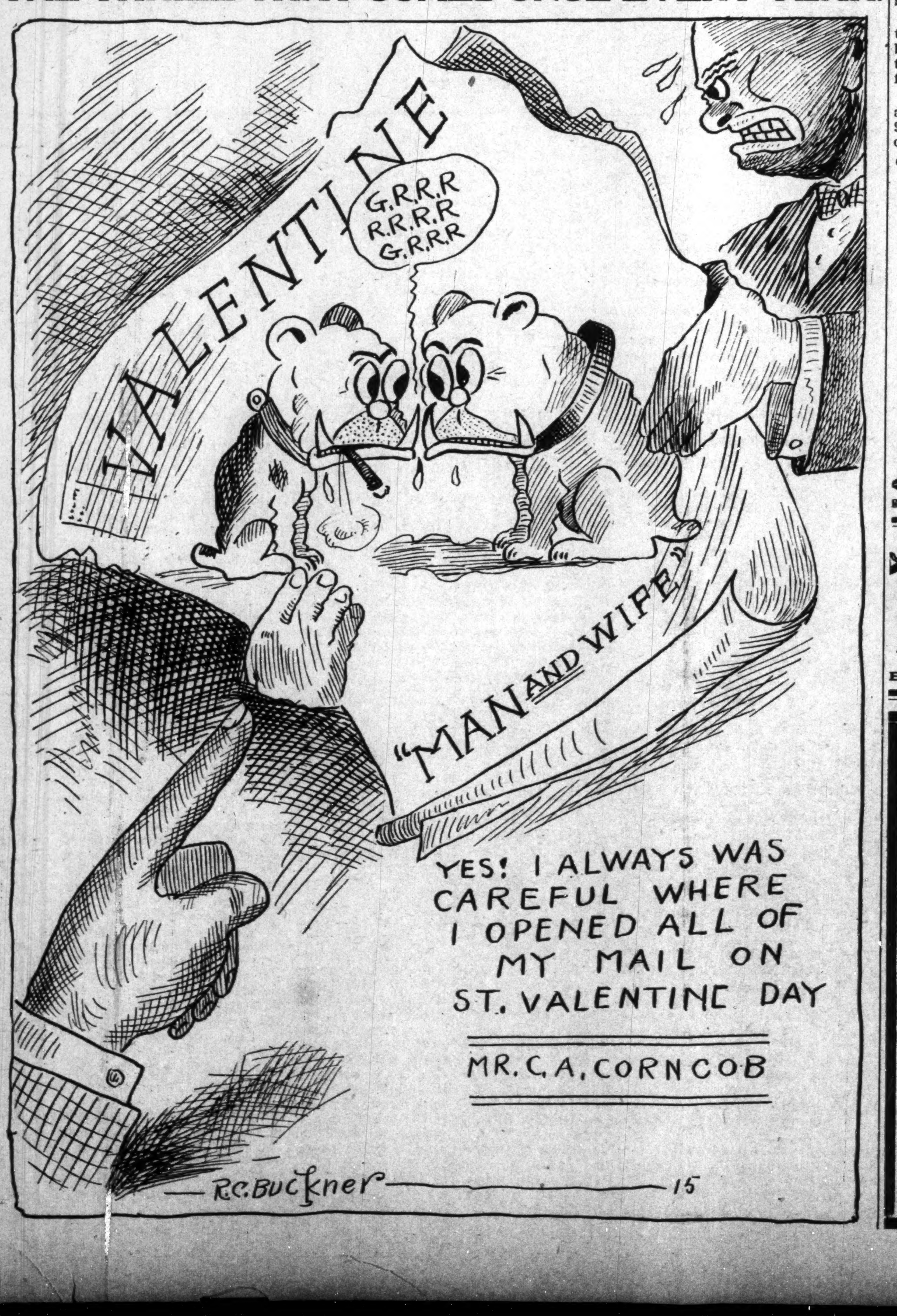
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TERRE HAUTE, IND.

(By Henry Stone.)

Mr. Edward Allen, of 2840 North 15th street, is suffering severly with an attack of tuberculosis. He has been on the sick list for about a year.

Mr. Walter Smith, son of Mr. Charlie Smith, died Thursday night at 11:30, aged 29 years. He leaves mother and father to mourn his loss and a host of friends. He was a member of the Garden City Quartette and an excellent singer.

Mr. Frank Simmons, a coal miner at Maple Grove coal mines, was instantly killed Thursday morning by a cave-in in the mine shaft, when about 100 feet of dirt and timbers went in on him. He was extricated Friday morning about 9 o'clock. Mr. Simmons lived on Cruft avenue with his daughter, Miss Marie Simmons. He was 52 years old.

Miss Erma Lee Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, on S. 13 1-2 street, died Saturday morning about 1:30, aged 10 year. She was a member of the Juvenile Court and a very active member of her lodge and Sunday school. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a father, mother and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

WICKLIFFE, KY.

(By W. D. White.)

There was a grand supper given at Mrs. Georgia Gholson's on Illinois street last week. There was a prize given away, which was won by Mr. Willie Coleman by a small margin over Mr. Will Gholson. The contest was the big eater and the way those gentlement ate was a shame. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. White were invited to a Kentucky oyster dinner Sunday and it was certainly enjoyed by both. We wish our many frienrs could have enjoyed some of the oysters cooked by the old lady, Tean Lee, who is credited with being the best cook in western Kentucky.

Miss Beulah Ackley, the little charming daughter of Mrs. Lula Ackley, has come home from the Ballard high school to spend the rest of the season with her grandmother. She made progress while there. We all wish her success at her next term.

Mr. Willie Gholson left Sunday for Cairo, Ill., to bring his wife out of high water. He says he has a baby too small to swim.

The A. M. E. church is going to build a new house of worship out of stone under the leadership of Rev. Sharp.

Mrs. Crice spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Knight. Mrs. Crice seems to have been overjoyed over her stay.

The water is falling and we are getting over our fear, as the water has been on Missouri avenue high enough to be seen from the square about four blocks away.

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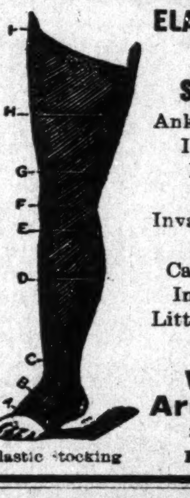

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Miss E. M. McClain conducts a hair dressing parlor and news stand in Chicago.

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Mrs. M. L. Kemp is a very efficient clerk in the W. D. Lewis grocery, Galveston, Texas.

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Miss M. A. McGill is managing most successfully an insurance company in Brenham, Texas.

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Mrs. Evelyn McHenry, Atlanta, Ga., is agent for the National Benefit Co., Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald is superintendent of the Louise Training School for Colored Boys.

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Mrs. Robinette Gresham is the corresponding secretary for the Maryland Baptist Orphanage.

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Miss Georgia Williams is stenographer for the Fraternal Undertaking Company, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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It is said there are more colored widow who own property in Lima, Ohio, than any other city of its size.

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Miss Dollie B. Patterson is supervisor of the industrial work for the colored schools of Forsyth county, N. C.

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Miss Maudelle McMurray is private secretary for Mrs. A. M. Pope-Turnboe-Malone, proprietor of the Poro System.

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Miss J. A. Robinson is head of the music department and Miss A. N. Grass is instructor of piano and organ at Fisk University.

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The sum of $1,250 has been raised by the Fanny Jackson Coppin Memorial Association as a scholarship fund in memory of Mrs. Coppin.

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Mrs. Ellen Bransford, who had been working as a domestic since the Civil war, recently died and willed $6,000 to the Negro Lutheran church of Little Rock.

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Miss Alice C. Simmons is head of the division of instrumental music at Tuskegee Institute. Miss Simmons is ably assisted by Miss A. M. Towson.

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Mrs. Marie Taylor Perkins is private secretary to one of the leading physicians in Cleveland. Miss Clara Dyson is surgical assistant under Mrs. Perkins.

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A good brother on being asked if his wife pouted and sulked or talked back when they quarreled, said: "She talks back, and she not only talks back but she talks frontards and sideways and acrost and endways and den she comes all the way back and repeats herself. Oh, yes, she talks back."

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Mrs. Lou Ella Young and Mrs. Cora B. Giddens were elected members of the board of directors for the Wallace Retail and Wholesale Bakery Co., Chicago, Ill.

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At the annual meeting of the Woman's Co-operative Civic League, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. B. K. Bruce, of Washington, D. C., delivered the principal address.

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Mme. Anita Patti Brown is the only colored vocalist who has won a scholarship in the Chicago Musical College. Out of 100 contestants, Madam Brown received 100 from each member of the Board of Examiners.

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At a meeting of the Harlem Neighborhood Club, Miss Anna Barrows, of Columbia University, lectured on "The High Cost of Living" and many valuable suggestions were given for reducing the expense account of the home.

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An unusual line of business for a woman of color is carried on by Mme. G. M. Needles, New York City. Mme. Needles is in her third year as a furrier, doing all the designing herself. Some of New York's wealthiest families are among her customers.

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A Minnesota judge has ruled that a Sunday school has a right to exclude or segregate a person on account of race. Miss Mary C. Marshall brought suit against the officials of a church at Brainerd, Minn., because she was forced to sit by herself at Sunday school.

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Miss Salome Lewis, of Indianapolis, is a graduate in Domestic Science from the St. Louis high school. This is one of the best equipped and most thorough of the colored high schools in the country. Miss Lewis thinks of taking still higher courses, either at the Chicago University or at the Pratt institution, New York.

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Dr. Zelda A. Greene was the first colored graduate of South high school, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1911 Dr. Greene received the degree of M. D. and one month later passed the Ohio State Board examination, standing third highest out of 205 applicants. Before entering upon her practice she took a course in the women's and children's hospital.

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Elizabeth King Neill, the 11-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. James Neill, Washington, D. C., made an average of 99 per cent. at the recent better baby contest held under the auspices of the Diet Kitchen. Elizabeth was entered without reference to color and it is said she stood number one until it was discovered she was colored. She then dropped to second place. Three hundred and seventy-four babies were entered.

JACKSONVILLE (ILL.) NEWS.

(By Nellie Early, 565 Sharp St.)

Company L, commanded by Capt. C. H. Freeman, was inspected by Capt. Carroll F. Armistead, Twenty-first U. S. A., last night. The company made an excellent showing, only two men being absent from inspection. Captain Armistead expressed his pleasure by commending the company for its excellent showing.

A very pleasant party was given recently in honor of Mr. George Taylor at Mrs. Millie Douglas' home on West State street, by the West End club. Those present were Mrs. Florence Cowens and Mr. Dave Harris, Miss Alice Ross, Mr. James Hamilton, Sil Waddell and Miss Lily Coleman, Mrs. Frances House and Mr. George Bowens, Mr. and Mrs. David Douglas, Mr. James Ealey of Hannibal, Mo., Miss Bell Panel and Mr. W. M. Johnson. Excellent refreshments were served. Mr. Taylor left for Jefferson Barracks, where he expects to remain until he takes his trip across the ocean.

Rev. Noland was called to Pittsfield, Ill., to preach at the funeral of Mr. Westley Davis' mother on February 7.

Revival meetings, which began January 17 at the McCabe church, closed February 7. The meeting was a good spiritual meeting, and there were fine results.

Miss Bessie Trumbo left for Davenport, Iowa, her home.

A pleasant birthday party was given recently in honor of Mrs. R. Guthrie at her home on Lurton street. Excellent refreshments were served.

The funeral services of Mr. George Washington Mosely were held February 5 at Mt. Emery Baptist church. Rev. H. H. DeWitt officiated and music was furnished by the church choir, with Miss Margaret DeWitt at pipe organist, accompanist. His last words were "The Lord will care for me." Flowers were in charge of Mesdames H. Lynch, Ollie Williams and Taylor. Interment was in East cemetery. Mr. Mosely's remains were brought here from Omaha, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allen accompanied the remains here. Deceased was Mrs. Allen's father.

The West Side Art Club met February 5 with Mrs. C. H. Freeman on West Morgan street. They had a fine meeting. Excellent refreshments were served.

The Primrose club met February 3 with Miss Jessie Allen on North Diamond street.

For good home-made pies see Mrs. John McCree on West Anna street.

A very successful musicale was given recently by Mrs. Albert Moore's Sunday school class at the Second Baptist church. Everyone on the program did well.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of Omaha, Neb., returned home after attending Mr. George Washington Mosely's funeral here.

Mrs. Eugene Hayden of South Fayette street attended the funeral of her sister-in-law at Louisiana, Mo.

Carl Briscoe rendered an excellent violin solo recently at the high school. He is a junior there and quite a smart pupil, being full of musical talent. We all wish him much success.

The concert given February 1-2 at the A. M. E. church by Prof. Raleigh A. Scott, M. B., of Chesterfield, England, was largely attended; also the concert on February 3 at Mt. Emery Baptist church.

On February 4 a grand concert was given by Prof. R. Scott at the Second Baptist church which was largely attended. The program was as follows: Hymn, "Savior More Life to Me," congregation; prayer, Rev. Muse; Rev. DeWitt, master of ceremonies; poem; vocal solo, "Old-Time Religion"; hymn, Prof. Scott, accompanied by the congregation joining in the chorus; subject talked on, "New Woman, also Old-Fashioned Woman"; song of description, "The Tempest," "A Storm at Sea," Prof. R. Scott, author of music; poem, "A Negro Outrunning the Bullet"; song, "Little Woman Rules the World"; poem, "Echoes of Emancipation"; poem, "How Aunt Diana Got By"; sermon, by Rev. Ned, the crippled pastor at Louisiana, Mo., forty years ago; song for collection, "The Day Is Past and the Evening Shades Are Gathering." He catches songs in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Mississippi. Prof. Scott made his organ ours and it sure is fine.

A neat collection was taken up by Mr. Macon Saunders and Mr. Sherman Spencer.

A fine supper was served by the First Ward club at the Second Baptist church February 4.

SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF DANVILLE, ILL.

Mrs. Holman, 1130 Robinson street, entertained the following persons at dinner Sunday: Rev. S. W. Batchelor, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Blanche and Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf.

Rev. Hammond and daughter, of Kanass City, Mo., are the guests of Mr. F. M. Mearieweather, of Washington avenue.

Mrs. Laura Lee, of Cherry street, is matron of the Colored Orphans' Home, recently opened on Hancock street.

The Ministers' Alliance met Tuesday evening, Februray 9th, at the Coke Ave. Baptist church.

"How to stop tattling in church," was ably debated last Tuesday evening at the St. Paul Baptist church by Revs. Hassell and Umble.

Rev. Theo. Price, of Allen A. M. E. church, has been on the sick list for several days.

The Chittling supper given at the Free Will Baptist church Saturday night, was very successful.

Revival services will start Sunday February 14th, at the C. M. E. church.

Mrs. Madge Bland entertained a few of her friends Thursday evening at her home, 711 Van Buren street. A delightful evening was spent. Dainty place cards were laid for eight. The menu was as follows: Oyster cocktail, spaghetti, valentine sandwiches, neapolitan salad, wines and nuts.

The Jolly Fourteen, a club composed of the following boys and girls: Misses Genevieve Nichols, Dorothy and Esther Cantrall, Geneva Walker, Mary Lue Mosly and Bessie Robinson, Messrs. Lloyd and Granville Gaddie, Hobart Evans, Pearl Waldon, Nelson Lewis, Howard Reed, Larxcie Utterback and Herman Holman, attended "The Night Clerk" at the Lyric theatre last Friday evening.

The following persons are on the sick list: Mrs. Geo. Alexander, 305 Lahr street; Mrs. Kenslow, 306 Lahr; Mrs. Mozella Weatherby, 319 Lahr street; Mrs. Blanche Coleman, Mrs. Lou Owens, 28 Short street.

Little Thelma Bland, 311 Clements avenue, who has been very sick is improved.

Mrs. Alice Giles Anderson is also on the sick list.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Union avenue, died Sunday, February 7th, 1915, at 12:00 m. The infant is survived by its parents and two brothers and two sisters.

Phone 3439 for The Freeman.

CENTRAL CITY, KY.

Sunday being a beautiful day, Sunday school and services were well attended at the Missionary Baptist church. Rev. Jones' text for night sermon, "Friendship."

Mrs. S. L. Campbell, D. G. M. N. G. of D. G. H. of Ruth No 24 of Kentucky, spent Friday and Saturday in Louisville, holding an executive meeting with the officers of that order.

Lincoln Day exercises were held in the school on the 12th and a pleasing program was rendered.

Mrs. M. A. Wilson substituted in school while Mrs. Campbell was absent.

Elizabeth, the infant of Mrs. Lillian McGown, died Thursday night and was buried at Cleaton, Ky.

Rev. Conquest filled his regular appointment Sunday at Taylor's Mines, Ky.

Dr. Mayfield, of Danville, Ill., who is practicing here, is kept quite busy.

The Central City Deposit Bank failed last Saturday and threw quite a heavy cloud over several of us who had our little savings there.

Notices are tacked up over the town that all the Dupont mines here and around will close February 20 for the rest of the year, which will throw so many of our people out of employment.

Mrs. Sallie Smith and son, Will, and Miss Virginia Brashears are on the sick list.

Mrs. Wilbur Mosley returned from a pleasant visit to Hartford, Ky.

Misses Virginia Silvy and W. Pearson spent Sunday with Mrs. Gertrude Powell.

NEWS OF ST. JOSEPH, LA.

(By G. W. Terrell.)

Mr. G. H. Woods, the leading colored merchant of this city, left Tuesday, February 9, en route for Chicago, Ill., to enter the sanitarium for surgical treatment. We hope that he will be successful and return home safe and sound.

We are having some nice fair sunshiny weather now, and business is getting better, but the river is rising very fast.

The young people of this city gave a delightful dance at the K. of P. Hall Tuesday night, February 9, and music was furnished by Prof. Smith's String Band, and they did some tango, turkey trot, hesitation and fox trot. Gentlemen present Messrs. G. A. Wallace, John Brown, Theo. Friendship, Griffin Nellums, Nathaniel Williams, Eric Brown, Charlie Lemons, John Anderson, Louis Smith, Jr., Maxwell Smith and Mr. Leon Landers, of Natchez, Miss., and Mr. G. W. Terrell, the reporter of The Freeman. Ladies present: Misses Effie Thompson, Marie Pendleton, Mary L. Lemons, Rosie Thompson, Mary Franklin, Joyce Smith, Misses Minnie Mason and Vinney Mason. Everybody enjoyed themselves and had a nice time.

When down town call around and see Mr. G. A. Wallace for your groceries. You will find him on Church street.

Don't forget to buy a copy of The Freeman every week and read what our race is doing. On sale at G. W. Terrell's the jeweler, at 5c per copy.

Mr. Leonard Rothschilds was painfully kicked by a horse last Saturday while driving a wagon loaded with peas over the vamp. He got down off the wagon to make the horses pull the wagon over the vamp, and he got too near the horse and struck him, and the horse kicked him on the leg and rendered him unable to walk. We hope he will get up and about again soon.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

Second Semi-Annual Session of Pulaski County Teachers' Association.

More than one hundred teachers were in attendance at the Lowell building, February 12 and 13, to hear the address upon "The Personality of the Teacher," by Dr. C. E. Allen, vice-president of Southern Illinois State University, to take notes from the talks of Miss Fadra R. Holmes upon intermediate methods in history and geography, who is also an instructor of the State Normal and to take under advisement the lecture of Mrs. Orville T. Bright, of Chicago, chairman of the Extension Work of the Illinois Congress of Mothers and Parents'-Teacher Association. Among those of the county who appeared upon the program were Miss Sarah Smith, assistant principal of the Lovejoy high school, who read a very scholarly paper on "History and Civics," and Mrs. Charlotte A. Mitchell, assistant principal in the Douglas high school at Mounds, had a practical paper upon "Industry and Economy." Prof. S. L. Thorpe, Principal J. W. Ware and the other members of the executive committee are to be complimented for the well-arranged program, which was inspiring.

Mound City Free Will Baptists Meet in Quarterly Conference.

A four days' session of the Mound City Freewill Baptists was held with the Main street church, beginning Thursday, 11th inst., and closing Sunday night, the 14th. The gathering was composed of more than fifty ministers and laymen from different parts of the State. The meeting was a grand success, spiritually and financially, and its moderator, Rev. J. Washum, and Judge J. P. Lewis, its clerk, were potent factors in scoring a good report.

Rev. J. W. Wiley, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E., Mounds, preached a very able sermon at the Missionary Baptist church Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. and on Monday following at the Ministerial Alliance at the same church read a paper in leading the discussion "That Christ Was Not Crucified on Friday," rebutted by Rev. Moses Williams, pastor of Missionary church.

The Peerless Club had a big meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, our business family, on Diamond street. Needle work and a luncheon prepared by this efficient hostess completed the program.

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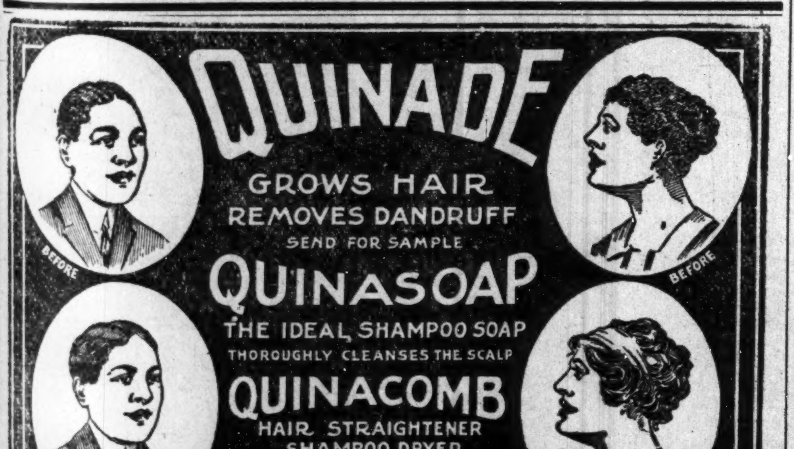

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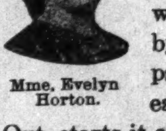

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As to the recent anti-jim crow victory at Washington, D. C., will Pharoh harden his heart once more?

The Russians have voted out vodka, the French have voted out absinthe. Suppose they try what the Germans are drinking.

Yes, the little bus is here, the limousine service, we believe, it says of itself. It is all right, just so our relations are mutual.

Don't forget Health Week, March 21 to 27. It is a big worthy movement. It will be as a wave set in motion; its influence will reach far and endure long.

They are having a devil of a time in the Indiana Legislature as to whether there shall be a primary election law. Everybody seems to be for it. Why don't it come off?

From all accounts, old Jim Crow is beaten at Washington, D. C. He saw his shadow, and went back into his hole. Jim Crow when there is a downright necessity. If ever there was a downright necessity it is not now. The introduction of them and kindred iniquities inquisitorial at this time are entirely out of order. Do you get us?

Then there's Frederick Douglass, who was also born in February. The date is said to be not certain. Nor is it so important to us. What was his part among us? He knew Lincoln well, enjoying his confidence and esteem. He worked with a small but most distinguished cotorie of men, who cannot die as the martyred Lincoln cannot die. They were assaulted and slain for us. Old John Brown, Wendell Phillips, Garrison, Lovejoy, Douglass and others yet are of warp and woof of the American fabric. They cannot perish from it.

The Electro Steel Company, of Pittsburg, has refused to contract with the British government for a large supply of drop-forge shells to be used in the present war. The value of the business amounted to an immense amount of money, but it was rejected on humanitarian grounds. The manager of the concern said, among other things: "Our company refused to consider this contract because we don't think warring nations should be encouraged. As long as they are able to purchase supplies of this nature, the war will continue. We are looking for business, but we could not consider the furnishing of ammunition of war to any country that is engaged in conflict. I wish to state in making this refusal that we are not opposed to England or her allies, nor to Germany and her allies." The decision of the manager was a peaceful "shot," one that ought to be heard around the world as that of Fort Sumter at the beginning of our own great war.

While not courting discrimination, we will not forget that it has some good points. The pressure of the white people of the South has made the Negroes of the South. It reminds one of those photo plays where the unfolding of flowers, which require a day or more, is seen in a few seconds—condensation of time, if we can say such a thing. The thing is so beautiful and remarkable that we are tempted to dwell on it. But we are talking about that similar condition, where the pressure of a few years have done the work of centuries. Nevertheless, we can't stand for it—discrimination—as much good as it has brought us. We merely confess its good. And doing so, some of its hardness is mitigated. We have the secret consolation that the fates that would destroy us; make us. Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad, is the old saying. We are made mad, but refuse to be destroyed.

The latest is that extradition awaits Jack Johnson when he arrives in Mexico to meet Willard in a heavyweight contest. It has been pointed out that since his offense is not one for which he can be brought back, that a new charge, that of conspiring, will be lodged against him to gather him in. Conspiracy to violate the United States laws! What do you think of that for ingenuity? We have said long since that if half the ingenuity was displayed in getting Johnson out of trouble as there was for getting him in trouble that sentence would not now be hanging over his head. Of course, they can make a cock and bull story of anything if they care to. These men, who are monkeying after Johnson, are violating the spirit of the whole legal business. The custom is to throw every safeguard about the accused. The preponderance of evidence must be against him. He must be a criminal with certainty—in intent and in deed—before he is to be surrendered to the iron tooth of the law.

Knights of the quill, the National Negro Press Association, took charge of Nashville, Tenn., last week. The sessions were held in the spacious board rooms of the National Baptist publishing house. Prominent people from different parts of the country were in attendance. The time was largely spent in discussions pertinent to the newspaper business. During the past year death came to four members, and out of respect an In Memoriam to them was one of the features of the meeting. The deceased are: Prof. J. M. Codwell, A. M., editor Western Star, Houston, Texas, died August 4, 1914; Col. Allen Allensworth (retired), editor Sentiment Maker, Allensworth, Cal., died September 27, 1914; Rev. N. H. Pius, D. D., editor Metoka and Galeda Magazine, Nashville, Tenn., died October 28, 1914; Miss L. E. Bushnell, editor Hope, Nashville, Tenn., died November 7, 1914. The officers of the association are: Jas. L. Jones, chairman executive committee; Melvin J. Chisum, president; Henry Allen Boyd, corresponding secretary.

The commission of the Half-Century Negro Anniversary, which will be held in Chicago this year, is very anxious to have a meeting of Negro authors in that city at some time during the month of August. The committee on authors selected from that class are among those who have made stand-out reputations. It is making an appeal to those who have done things along the line of authorship to help make a successful meeting. The members of committee are: M. A. Majors, M. D., president; Richard T. Greener, Major John R. Lynch and Geo. W. Ellis. The progress of a people is measured by its intellectual output as well as by its other achievements, industrially, commercially and otherwise. It is safe to say that books as best understood—literature—are the indices of a people's progress. We may be sure that wherever flourishes commerce, the industries an art that books will be their accompaniment; in fact, a sort of obligata, leading high over all, yet born right out of the midst of the things over which they lead. The call of the authors is urgent, as it concerns an exposition of progress.

Now comes the information that the commissioners of the international exposition to be held in San Francisco during the present year have notified the local business men of Oakland and San Francisco that there will not be equal accommodations for colored people in San Francisco during the fair. It is bad news, but not at all alarming. We don't get equal accommodations in four-fifths of the country, in the hotels of the larger cities. The most we can do is to register a protest, even if we are busy at the business of registering. It is mean all right, but no meaner than what we endure most everywhere along this line. We are not inconvenienced at any rate. We are not able as yet to spend much time in the great hotels. We will have to learn to get satisfaction out of such conditions by doing extra good things among ourselves. Build a hotel, small, if the requirements are such as not to demand a large one. Make it a monument of beauty, architecturally. Furnish it up to the minute. Let the cuisine be fit for Lucullus. Now then. Our saloons have got the idea—but only our saloons—scarcely more than our saloons.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

So many excellent things have been said of Abraham Lincoln that it is fairly sure nothing more by way of praise or information can be added. Yet it is the pleasure of his world of admirers to sing over again and again the "wonderful words of life." Only a very few men of those gone before get into that class where the mention of their names and deeds never tire. Nineteen hundred years have not been sufficient to deluge the name of the Master with obscurity.

The centuries have not dimmed the luster of Shakerpeare, of Homer, and other immortals who wrought well in their particular spheres. Someone has said that already the name of Lincoln—his part in squaring the world with the rule of right is becoming traditional—imputing the sense of myth. Some think so of Homer, of Shakespeare, doubting that God allotted one man such superior ability. They would unmoor these great characters of their fastenings, crediting their deeds elsewhere.

We cannot think the great Lincoln will be defeated of his deserts, that he will not be the real, tangible quantity that moved among men "even as you and I." However, if in the days to come he does grow misty or mythical just so he remains the symbol of liberation and man's humanity to man, as Zens and Olympos stand for almightiness, we will consent to his mortal obliteration.

A GREAT DECISION.

The Georgia Supreme Court, February 12, held unconstitutional an ordinance passed by the Atlanta city council to segregate the residences of white and Negro persons.

The court said that to prohibit members of the two races from living in the same city block was "to deny the inherent right of a person to acquire, enjoy or dispose of property, and for these reasons is violative of the due process clause of the Federal and state constitution."

The inclination will be to rejoice exceedingly over this little piece of intelligence which is so big with importance and promise. It comes from such an unusual source that we are safe in saying that the colored people everywhere will see in it a sign of what the future may bring.

We, the race, have conceded something very much to the racial condition. We know that standing as we do in the beginning as one of the extremes of the race type; and knowing the pronounced anti-racial view of all men, of all times, it is impossible for us to wholly escape the usual pronouncement that have fallen to the races that were found wanting. But there are some things, the things that approach the fundamentals that can not be surrendered without danger of permanent hurt. We can in time recover the ballot. It does not matter greatly if we do not patronize the best hotels conducted by others. We can patronize hotels just as good by ourselves. We can in time, according to promises, enjoy first class facilities in railway coaches, on steamboats and in theaters. Other things which hinder for the time can be overcome.

We could not, however, overcome the result of the laws that denied the inherent right of a person to acquire, enjoy or dispose of property" as set forth by the court. Theoretically, we are not citizens when denied a single right enjoyed in common. Owing to our complex racial situation we have waived much. But when we are ousted from our homes for any cause whatsoever beyond failure to meet the demands for keeping them we are not citizens in any sense. Sojourners, denizens—is the most that can be said of such a condition.

We have grinned and borne the segregation business, almost fearful to speak of it, knowing it to be such a monstrous civil iniquity. It staggered our faith in man as a world's redeeming agency as we are taught by Christians and moralists. It is nothing short of the emasculation of the citizen. Fearful, but owing to the shame, the deep humility that follows. Ashamed of the pretenses of white men, that there could be any kind of men who would boldly slug other men of that citizenship which is the heritage of all.

It is needless to say that the Negroes of the country feel very grateful to that Georgia court. Considering the source, the circumstances, the times and all, nothing of more importance and hope to the race has happened since the famous decision of Abraham Lincoln.

TWO COLORED BRITISH SUBJECTS

Last week there appeared in this publication an article by Leo W. Daniels, colored, of Glasgow, Scotland, in which he made some ugly charges against Great Britain concerning the treatment of colored people in that country. His statements of what he insists are facts and his views, we thought, were rather radical; yet he was so plain and straightforward in his assertions that we regarded them as the truth; hence published them. We thought the statements severe for England, owing to its reputation as a country of great, big minded people, who refused to indulge in the small business of drawing microscopes on its people.

We have not been among those who saw that country totally free from prejudice, as some of our people are always saying. Any one who is acquainted with the history of the world has long since been made to know and understand that race and color prejudice has been, like the poor, always with us. We, however, have never believed that the condition in Great Britain is as it is in our own country, and this without complimenting that country at the expense of our own. The people of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales have not had our problems; they had no slaves; they had no civil war concerning slaves; they have no millions of recently freed people who were, at any time, wholly opposed to them—different to them—in race type and customs. We have had the master and slave classes precedent, and which ramified this country through root and branch so that until this day the blossom and fruit still bear the taint. In the above is summed up the philosophy of our struggle. We cannot understand that England can have a struggle like the one on in America. There has been no reason for it. Those who think well of that country as it concerns race matters draw their conclusions from the fact that it has not had our problems.

But we will not forget in our optimism that the time was never when men admitted by action that all men were created equal, consequently it ought not to be surprising when England or any of the other countries of higher civilization fail in showing our race the utmost consideration—the same as shown to each other of those countries. We are not to be surprised because we know that races are viewed as different, and will ever be held so in spite of all theories to the contrary that may be advanced. Nevertheless, our duty is to fight upwards; not as Don Quixote's fighting windmills. We cannot compel all England or all America to do anything that they do not feel disposed to do. Both are fairly consistent in the treatment of us as per custom and tradition. The slave had no standing in Rome although a Greecian. What can we expect? Not a plea for custom, at all, but an exposition in interest of a conservative, concentrated assault on the barriers that bound us. We must fight if we would win; but no general worthy of the name permits his troops to rush to annihilation. He attacks when strong and prepared, and after surveying all the ground, the approaches, the exits, etc. He must be circumspect; he must know. Failing in these things, he loses the fight. His forces are disorganized. Psychologically, things are against him, making it, sometimes, a very long time before his cause or position was as good as when he began.

In this connection we wish to present a letter from Harrold Harding, of Oswego, N. Y., who thinks that Mr. Daniels is not reporting their country faithfully. The letter is as follows:

Oswego, N. Y.

Editor The Freeman:

As a British subject, I cannot let the charges of Mr. Daniels go unquestioned. He claims that the British hate the darker races. Mr. Daniels should not charge all Englishmen that they are haters of the black race, just because one or two individuals do hate them I am a West Indian, and I can boast that there is very few important places in this world of ours that I am not known by someone. I have worked practically under every flag in existence, and I have not found one that gives the colored man more freeman and justice than the British flag. I lived in England for two years, and I never heard of any colored persons being treated the way he relates. To anyone who is not acquainted with British laws his charges may sound right. There is something wrong in the trial of Joseph Small why he was sentenced for two years. Anyone that lived in England knows that in Small's case he would be discharged, if it was proven that this girl was bad. Therefore, there must be something else that Mr. Daniels has left out. In the other statement he says a colored man was beaten up by a policeman while on his way home. This man was advised to go to the police station and report this affair. What I would like to know is, where were the people that sent him to the police? It is a sure thing that if they had appeared to make charges against the policeman, the case would be investigated and justice given. There are a lot of things Mr. Daniels has not explained in his letter. What is the cause of Mr. Daniel's writing a letter like that is, a matter of guess work among many West Indians. We hope he will inform us in his next statement. But I would like to say Mr. Daniels perhaps is trying to get the colored people of the United States against the British flag. He may succeed, but he will never convince any decent and law-abiding British West Indian.

HAROLD HARDING,
157 Water Street, Oswego, N. Y.

It will be noted that the two gentlemen are at variance in their reports of their mother country. For the good of our race we hope that Mr. Daniels is greatly mistaken, and that Mr. Harding is right. But we fear, very much, that Mr. Daniels has pulled the proper figures in his recital. However, we think he has colored his general statements a bit; not that they are without foundation, but, like a good rhetorician, to heighten the effect. When Daniels says that he prefers the American rope, he is altogether figurative, and of course, means to be so. According to the amount of rope we get in this country we ought to be used to it, but we are not. We don't think Mr. Daniels is any more infatuated with it than we are. It is merely his style of speaking.

Xmas issue fine.—Salem T. Whitney.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

(Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran St., Phone Haskell 6956. By Col. J. G. Griffin.)

Curfew Is Ringing—The Freeman Bringing Things to Pass—Visitors Find Strange Things Among One Another Here — Pythians Waking Up—Captains Murry and Jackson and Little Gus and His Cadets—K. of P. Band Issues a Challenge.

Mrs. E. M. Cooper returned to her home in Terrell, after a few days' visit here the guest of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper, Thompson and State streets.

Mr. J. A. Patton, in company of Dr. J. C. Wade, visited his mother, Mrs. R. P. Nickson, in Paris, who has been ill for several months.

Mrs. E. M. Payton, of Houston, is again here at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Elizer Lamar, 2301 Cochran street, who is on the recovery.

Curfew will rid the streets of children under 17 years old at nights unless accompanied by older persons. What law will reach these old, old women seen day and night wearing short dresses all over Dallas, who entice younger girls away from home and school children from school? It is also needed here.

Mr. Robert Cumby, Mr. Jim Price and Mr. Bud Skinner, young men of promise, have each fully agreed to attend some church each Sunday in the future. Some resolution, too. Other young men can do so, too, if they only will.

Dallas has some preachers who are willing to help the members of the race when they are doing things, not only from their pulpits and among their congregations, but are helping to have the men of the race in Greater Dallas see the full importance of the use of a poll tax receipt and what it is to all the people to unite and vote as a unit in the various elections. Battle for principles and positions of trust. Urge our men to look up for greater things, which the Negroes here have failed to land. They are members with others in the Poll Tax Assn. of Dallas and Station A of the Cliff: Rev. Dr. A. Gordon, Dr. C. L. Bryant, Dr. I. D. Williams and Rev. Dr. J. C. Jordon, of Tenth St., Oak Cliff. They, with others, are proving a godsend to our men and the various meetings from time to time. Have you not joined? What's your holdback, brother?

Mrs. Nona Vaults Berry, pianist, is up after several days illness.

The news of the death of Mr. George Eubanks, formerly of Dallas, but at the time of his death residing at Ogdon, Utah. He is a charter member in Comet Lodge of Odd Fellows No. 3134, Dallas, Texas, and it proved quite a sad message to his friends and relatives here.

Eat at Mother & Henry's new place, 107 Central avenue. They serve you to 5 and 10 cents' worth day and night.

Sick people who are getting up and out: Mr. Y. T. Thomas, Mrs. M. E. Anderson, Mrs. Irene Andrews, Mrs. A. H. Thomas, Mrs. Walter Berry, Mr. John Anderson, rs. H. A. Robinson, Miss Annie Tate, Mrs. J. W. Huntley, Mrs. P. M. Ridge.

Mrs. Jannie Nelson was called to the bedside of her sick mother in Corsicana last Saturday, and at last reports she was better.

Look for Henry & Mother's Place, 107 Central. They surely feed the people and the cooking is fine home cooking.

Mr. J. H. Thompson is now at home to stay, having finished his contract in Corsicana.

Mr. Ed. Lyons, the hack driver, and some friends went out to Egypt, the country home of his mother, where Ed pulled off his birthday stunt. You know Ed is just 48 years old and and looks like a 16-year-old. When it comes to running he is just simply it, and shooting, he can hit the bull'seye. It happened last week.

Mr. Edward Garland made a flying trip to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Daisy Mallarder in Denison, last Sunday, and returned.

Messrs. Jordon, Black, Tipps and Boswell, of Station A, are a talking quartette to the men of the Ninth ward.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Dr. Waring Lectures—Tim Ousley at The Majestic—Other News of the Twin Cities.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

Dr. M. F. Waring, who arrived Friday, Feb. 12th, was met by a committee, who escorted her to the home of Mrs. Edward Wells, 1401 West Church street, Urbana, where a reception was held. Mrs. Waring was the guest of honor at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Frances Mann, 602 East White street. In the evening 500 people awaited her coming at the Bethel A. M. E. church, where she spoke on Lincoln and the fifty years of Negro freedom. The commissioner was introduced by the chairman of the committee, Mrs. I. B. Thompson, in the fitting and able manner which is so characteristic of her. The speaker's speech was exhaustive. And after frequent applause which greeted the salient points which she endeavored to make can be interpreted as a sequencent. It was a success. Among the many good things which she said was that there was in this community men and women equally capable to perform sermony which she was called to do. In the course of her speech she also pointed out that one of the chief reasons why the Negro is jim-crowed is public and private places is because they go there with the intention to be jim-crowed. Dr. Waring dwelt at great length on her work and influence for good on the commission board, and wound up her speech by comparing the achievements of Washington and Lincoln, the environment and atmosphere in which they were brought up and concluded by stating her emphatic belief that Lincoln was a greater man than Washington. She told that the commission had decided to hold an exposition in the great amphitheatre at the Dexter pavillion from August 15 to Sept. 18. Chester W. Brewer, an Urbana young man who is attending the School of Pharmacy at Northwestern University, and who is chairman of athletics of this commission, also made a few remarks. From this meeting Mrs. Waring was escorted to the residence of Mrs. Wm. Brewer, 1202 West Main St., Urbana, where she was entertained until Sunday evening. After talking to the women in a special meeting at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon on the subject of "Peace," Dr. Waring left at 6:15 for her home in Chicago. .. Mr. Tim Ousley, manager of The Crown Garden Theatre, Indianapolis, Ind., and his show company showed at the Majestic Monday night, February 15, in vaudeville, which was very much appreciated by the crowds that came. The performers did well their parts, considering the conditions they had to undergo. .. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year by Calanthe Court No. 8, Pythian Sisters: Worthy Counsellor, Mrs. Molly Clay; Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Hattie Carey; Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Hattie Bell; Worthy Orator, Mrs. Lewis Brown; Register of Deeds, Mrs. Mildred Williams; Register of Accounts, Mrs. Lula Coleman; Receiver of Deposits, Mrs. Mary Gray; Senior Directress, Mrs. Rosa Dyer; Junior Directress; Mrs. Hattie Martin; Conductress, Mrs. Anna Beatty, Assistant Conductress, Mrs. Elizabeth Bolin; Herald, Mrs. Rebecca Ewing; Escort, Mrs. Lelia Wells; Protector, Mrs. Elizabeth Beatty. .. Nineteen conversions have been reported from the revival meetings being conducted at the C. M. E. church, corner of Fifth and Grove streets, by Evangelist Miss Cora Mullen. Services are being held each night this week. .. A patriotic service was held on Sunday morning at the A. M. E. church in honor of Abraham Lincoln. The Camp Fire Girls and the Boy Scouts participated. Rev. Jameson spoke on the subject, "The Simple Life." Sunday school in the afternoon had a record-breaking attendance of 136. Mrs. H. W. Jameson had charge of the lesson reviewed. Mr. David Jones, general secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A. in St. Louis, spoke to the men at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Baraca room. His subject was, "The Man Service." In the evening, Rev. Jameson spoke on "Lessons in Patriotism." The Trustee Aid Society gave a Valentine social at the church. A musical and dramatic program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. I. B. Thompson. .. Salem Baptist church: The subject at the morning service was, "The Unchangeable Savior," and the evening subject the pastor talked on was "The Spiritual Powers of God." .. Matthew Anderson, of Urbana, died at 6:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home, 308 East Water street, at the county seat, after an extended illness, which resulted in paralysis. Mr. Anderson was born October 18, 1852, at Barbersville, Ky. He was freed from slavery following the Civil War. He had been in Urbana for more than forty years. He was a member of the B. L. I. P. U. The deceased is survived by a daughter, Miss Marie Dyer, of Champaign, and by a sister, Mrs. Eliza King, of Danville, and a half-brother, Ethan Smith, of Danville. The funeral was held from the home at 2:30 Tuesday. Services were conducted by Rev. Jameson, of the A. M. E. church. Interment was in Harvey cemetery. .. Mr. Wm. Moore will leave here February 17 to join the Johnson Bros. Circus Band. Mr. Moore is a trombone player. The band is under the leadership of Mr. J. C. Miles. He will join the band at St. Louis. They are now in Decatur... Pride of Champaign Tabernacle No. 10 will celebrate George Washington's birthday. They will also have a Yankee Doodle kitchen at Mr. Carey's Hall on February 27th. Persons holding 10-cent tickets will be admitted into the concert, and the ones holding 25-cent tickets will be admitted to the concert and given a free dinner. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. .. On February 9th a party of high school and university student friends, consisting of Misses Street, Thornhill, Brewer, Wilson, Marie Narvell, Mr. Harry and Ray Hines, Sutton Sheppard, Thomas Jackson, Z. L. Breedlove and Wayman Moss, entertained Mr. Linen Breedlove in a surprise birthday party at the Moss residence, 51 North Walnut. Music and games were enjoyed. .. The Freeman and Chicago Defender on sale at 520 North Hickory street... Mrs. A. J. Breedlove was called to Chicago Tuesday, February 16, on account of the death of little John Hayes Muse, who died at his mother's residence, Mrs. Clara Muse, 5830 Wabash avenue, Monday, February 15, from leakage of the heart. .. Mr. Henry Hines and Mr. F. Hines were called to Grand Tower, Ill., on account of the sickness of their father. .. Brown & Johnson have opened up a dancing school at Meiback's Hall, and give lessons every Wednesday evening. Miss Marie Pace and M. E. L. Roy are the instructors.

PORTSMOUTH, O.

AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE HOLD EXERCISES IN MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

The Willimette Club met at the home of Mrs. D. White on 14th street last Thursday afternoon and the living and dining rooms were beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers. The afternoon was spent in needlework, after which a three-course lunch was served. Those present were Mesdames K. Hubert, P. Saunders, M. Chapman, L. Crenshaw, F. Starks. Four members were absent on account of illness. All enjoyed the meeting very much.

Those on the sick list are Mr. and Mrs. Roberson, of Waller street; Mrs. Anna White, of 14th street; Mrs. Jessie Holingsworth, of 3d street; Mrs. William Price, of 13th street; Mrs. William Hill, of Kinney street; Mrs. Mary Kinney, of 13th street; Mr. Henry Adams, of 11th street, and Mr. Troy Jameson, of Findley street; Mrs. C. Evens, of Kinney street; Mr. John Austian, who was operated on last Sunday; Mrs. R. Ferguson, of 13th street.

The reverence memory of the great Emancipator in honor of Abraham Lincoln, under the auspices of the Afro-American League, met with a grand success and was highly appreciated by the citizens of our city. The A. J. U. Hall was packed Thursday evening and many had to stand up. They should be highly recommended for the good program, which was as follows: Selection by the R. L. Band, under the leadership of Mr. Edward Walton, followed by the invocation, delivered by Rev. Metcalf, another selection by the band; Lincoln's famous proclamation, read in an effective manner by Mr. Wm. E. Gooden; solo by G. Starks, "O Dry Those Tears"; address, "Lincoln as President," by Lawrence Johnson; selection by the band; James Melvin told of Lincoln as a citizen; solo by Seymour Payne, "Sweet and Low"; address by Wm. E. Haley, "Lincoln as a Statesman," which was followed by Rev. John Irvin, pastor of the A. M. E. church. Chairman John Evans then delivered his address on Lincoln. We all are glad to have the chance of hearing Mr. Evans in one of those good addresses that stir up the people. The sixteen members of the band were well drilled by Messrs. Walton and H. Turner. These young men are spending their time trying to make this band one of the best in the state. At the close of the meeting they played the national emblem, after which the audience unanimously gave the band three rousing cheers.

The A. M. E. Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Ada Woods, of Ninth street. The dining and living rooms were nicely decorated. After a number on the piano by Mr. J. Woods and Mrs. Marshall, a dainty three-course lunch was served by the hostess. Eleven members and one visitor were present. The circle is meeting with great success.

The banquet at the A. M. E. church given by the 104 converts that came in the church during the revival was a most sumptuous repast, which was under the management of the well known chefs, Cain Fossett and V. Penman, assisted by Mr. Ed Banks, M. Foster and M. White. A four-course dinner was served. The corps of table waiters consisted of W. Justice E. White and F. Penman as head waiters, and Messrs. H. Harriston, S. Polly, H. Kinney, H. Powell, R. Harriston, W. Housin and M. White. Three tables were set lengthwise in the Sunday school room. The decorations were very tastefully completed by the young people. The center table was enveloped over head by one hundred and four white crosses, representing the number of converts. At the head of the table sat Mr. Henry Johnson, the oldest member of the church, and all the city looks at Uncle Henry as a real Christian leader. He was the guest of honor, for the next day was his 80th birthday. Mr. John Richerson was chairman of the committee in charge of this banquet. The program: Instrumental solo, Miss Cordella Cornute; chorus by the club, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross"; invocation, Rev. Metcalf; gospel quartet, G. Starks, C. Johnson, T. Yancy and A. Hamilton; address of welcome, Rev. J. Irvin; response by Prof. E. M. Gentry; solo by Garrett Starks; reading by Miss B. Penman; duet by Mr. and Mrs. Richerson; instrumental solo, F. Penman; reading, Anna May Black; paper, Edith Irvin; quartet, A. Hamilton and others. Rev. McCoomer had very good success at his church during the revival. They had twenty-five converts in ten nights and there are more coming. Let us pray that God will teach the sinner that they must be saved. Rev. McCoomer is hard at work trying to help the man and woman that are down to get up and come to Jesus.

Rev. Chapman is telling the worldly men and women that there is a way they can be saved and that God is ready now. Why do you wait; come just now is his plea. Rev. Chapman has been doing great work at the Pleasant Green Baptist church, and let us pray for his success to continue, and when there are more men and women accepting Jesus as their help, we will have a better race.

You can get the Freeman for $1 a year if you see Starks this month.

TERRELL, TEX.

Rev. T. M. Jackson was indisposed and could not serve his people Sunday.

Rev. E. G. Young, of Texarkana, is now pastoring Terrel and Elmo after spending a few days in Elmo last week reports everything O. K. at Elmo. He was at his best here Sunday. Four additions to the church.

Rev. A. G. Winn, P. E., held his first quarterly conference here Saturday and Sunday with much credit.

Rev. Croft White preached in the evening. Everyone who heard him was made to feel good.

Rev. Gorden, P. E., welcome him to come back again.

There were 97 persons present Thursday night at the C. M. E. Epworth League. An excellent program was rendered.

The ladies of the C. M. E. church will give a Valentine entertainment Saturday night, Feb. 13th, at the C. M. E. Mrs. M. E. Flemmings, mngr.

Greenchapel B choir rendered a splendid program Monday night to a full house.

Rev. E. G. Young left for Texarkana Monday morning, his home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. White and her mother has been on the sick list for several weeks. Mr. White is able to be up at his work. Mrs. White is not doing so well. Grandma Evans is up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Huckerbug will move in their new home this week, on South Terrell.

Rev. T. M. Jackson will go to Rosser this week on pastoral work.

CAMDEN, ARK., NEWS.

Rev. W. H. J. Powell, pastor of St. James's A. M. E. church, preached a very strong sermon Sunday morning to a nice congregation. His text was "Thou shalt not steal."

Mr. Robadore Seay, of Eagle Mills, was a star feature in the review of the Sunday school lesson Sunday at St. James.

Miss Gertrude Johnson, of Eagle Mills, was down Friday to attend the social of the Blue Ribbon Club of North Camden.

The sweetest social of the season was given at the Odd Fellows' Auditorium Friday evening, Feb. 13, by the Blue Ribbon Club of North Camden. Every one reported having a grand time.

The teachers in the public school here are doing some good work in the school, also the domestic science department. The teacher and the class are doing some good work.

We are glad to see Miss Minnie B. Hodge at her post of duty again as chorister in St. James' choir after being sick for several weeks.

ANDERSON, S. C.

Miss Ola Donaldson, of Greenwood, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Marie Calhoun, on East Market street.

Mr. Willie Lark left Wednesday for Atlantic City, N. J.

Little Master Charlie Jackson is sick at his home on White street.

Mr. Arthur D. Bruce is up and able to be out again after a long spell of sickness.

Mr. E. H. Hawthorne is a reader of The Freeman and likes it fine.

Why not have race pride. Buy and read The Freeman, only 5c a copy. Frank Hicks, Jr., the agent, will deliver it to your door.

SHREVEPORT, LA.

Mr. Eugene Scott would like to hear from his sister, Miss Bertha Lowe. The last heard of her she was sick in New Orleans, La. Anyone knowing her whereabouts please notify Eugene Scott, 335 Texas avenue, Shreveport, La. .. If you do not see Chas. J. Harris, the agent for the Freeman, it can be found at Dolph McCoy's or Walter McCoy's barber shop, both on Texas avenue, Shreveport, La. But if you leave word he will bring it to your door. Only 5 cents per copy.

SHREVEPORT CLUB ENTERTAINS MANY OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS.

Special to The Freeman.

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 19.—The Clover Leaf Club of this city was royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ross on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, 1915, at their residence in Woodruff street. The club had as their guests: Miss Lulu Murray, Mr. B. Wast, Miss Julia Smith, Mr. Marshall, Miss Bertha Williams and Prof. William Wright, of Jackson, Miss. The house was beautifully decorated and the ladies handsomely gowned. Several selections were played on thevioli n by Prof. Wright.

MRS. E. KENNEDY, Pres.
MRS. D. STEWART, Sec.

STREATOR, ILL., NEWS.

Mrs. J. W. Reynold, returned missionary from the West Coast of Africa, lectured at the A. M. E. church, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lazy Carpenter, who has been sick, is recovering fast.

Mrs. Helen Burt, of this city, left this morning for Davenport, Ill.

Miss E. Annie Ruckery, of Huntville, Mo., has come to live with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hicks.

Mr. Peter Powail will visit in Morris, Ill.

The Brown brothers returned from Danville, Ill. All right, yes.

Well, go get The Freeman at J. H. Simmons, 611 East Main street.

OSWEGO, N .Y., NOTES.

Mr. Thomas Carr is spending the week in Toledo, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Diggins, of Syracuse, N. Y., was in town looking around.

William Turner is with the Peerless Ice Co. for the season.

Harold Harding will be in Syracuse on business.

George Davis and Walter Lennore two well known Syracuse boys, were arrested on Saturday, Feb. 13th, for selling drugs. Quite a number of heroin pills were found on them.

Call at 14 East Cayuga. We keep The Freeman on file.

NEWS OF MORGANFIELD, KY.

We almost beliece in the ground hog proposition for the weather has been fine ever since.

School closed Feb. 12th under the principalship of Prof. Geo. C. Wakefield. It was the general opinion of the members of the Civic Improvement League meeting that he would return to this field of labor another year.

Mr. Wm. Couch, the school visitor, and president of the League, conducted a very interesting session last Tuesday. Several new names were added to the membership roll.

Our sick are as follows: Mrs. Geo. McElroy, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Mattie Fortman, Mrs. Nora Moore, Mrs. Mary Gernwell and Mrs. Ann Neal.

Quite a nice luncheon was spread by the school children under the supervision of the teachers. It was an enjoyable affair and helped to make memorable Lincoln's birthday.

Many of the pupils made their grades. The most unusual was that of little Cornelia Couch and Fannie Perkins, who were double promoted.

Miss Mary Brooks, of Dixon, spent the week's end in the city visiting Mrs. J. A. Hughes. Mrs. Nancy Hughes entertained for dinner in honor of Prof. G. C. Wakefield. The guests were as follows: Prof. G. C. Wakefield, Miss Josephine Higginson, Rev. and Mrs. D. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wright, Dr. S. A. O'Neal, Mrs. Kiziah Curtis, Messrs. Wm. and Geo. Johnson.

You should read The Freeman weekly.

Dr. M. G. Ransom, our eminent physician, is easily the busiest colored man in town nowadays. His patients are improving nicely and if "Doc" don't stop making such rapid progress by the skillful use of his "dope" he will soon be out of a job. We are justly proud of Dr. Ransom, who has never brought any reproach upon our people, but an abundance of honors.

Mesdames Bell Jones, Minerva Elkins and Miss Grace Jones went to Mr. Vernon, Ind., last week to attend the funeral of their relative, Miss Hazel Jones.

Mr. Henry Stewart, one of our hustling home boys, has opened a shoe repair shop on West Main street, and solicits the trade of all who wear shoes. Mr. Stewart has several years' experience in the business and guarantees satisfaction or your money back.

NEWS OF YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Buckeye Lodge of Elks No. 73 has about completed all arrangements for their annual banquet in Excelsior parlors, March 11, 1915.

Mr. H. P. Johnson, of Pitts, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, 530 Valley street.

Mrs. Queen Robinson, while attending the meeting of Oakhill Avenue Sewing Circle at the home of Mrs. Angie West, of Poland, Thursday, on leaving she fell and sprained her right foot, which is not serious.

The St. August Episcopal Mission, 614 Parmelee avenue, will have special service during Lent, and will have special service every Thursday evening, and will have ministers from the other mission at each service, and all are invited.

Mrs. John Lacey, of 1515 Oakhill avenue, remains about the same.

John H. Moore, of East Commerce street, and news dealer, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Jenkins, of West Boardman street, who has been sick, is some better.

Mrs. Eva Colbert, of Cleveland, was the guest of Mrs. Neal Brown and Mrs. Mary Taylor for two weeks.

Mrs. Beverly Jackson, of Plum street, is on the sick list.

Archie Stewart of Poland Co. Club, is able to be out.

The beginning of Lenton services and holy communion was held Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the St. Augustine Episcopal Mission, Parmelee avenue, and a chain of Lenten teas will be given at the home of the ladies of the Mission. The first was held at the home of Mrs. Tocus, Covington street, Wednesday evening, and silver offerings will be received. All invited.

The members of Household of Ruth No. 3780 met in regular session Thursday evening and installed the following officers: Mrs. Icea Latier, P. M. N. G.! Mrs. Etta Lacey, M. N. G.; Mrs. Elenora Williams, R. N. G.; Mrs. Susie Thomas, N. G.; Mrs. Ida Morris, W. R.; Mrs. Mamie Fields, W. T.; Marie Smith, W. R.; Mrs. Tena Woods, W. C.

STAGE GOSSIP
J.B.DAVIDSON

STAGE NOTES.

Beechum and Allen will be with the Terry show this season.

Sandifer & Marshall, enroute, Columbia Theatre, Detroit, Mich., week of February 22.

Brown and Brown, singing cartoonists, were in the city this week. They the filling engagements throughout the State.

Thomas A. Brooks, comedian and dancer, formerly with Froliques of 1914 company, is now playing in vaudeville.

Ellwood Johnson, will you kindly express my first part music to Monroe, La.—C. L. Erickson, manager Alabama Minstrels.

Frank H. Dukes is in Chicago. Will open the 1st of March with the Ferdon company. Regards to all in and out of the profession.

Walter Watkins, formerly of the Six Musical Spillers, and James White formerly of the team of White and Robinson, are at the Olympia Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio, week of Feb. 15 to 20.

Gertrude Williams wishes to hear from Miss Nannie Mack Peterson, and sends her best regards to all her friends in and out of profession; also hello to A. J. McFarland. Miss Williams is visiting her mother and father in Anderson, S. C., 1041 Kennedy St.

Clifford Brooks and Hezekiah Jenkins closed with the Allen Minstrels at Smithville, Texas, and joined hands to play vaudeville; now in their second week at Lincoln, Texas, Galveston, Texas, and going big. Much oblige to you knockers. Hello, John Verdun, Bob Gant and Joe Quarterman.

Susie Sutton has begun to realize that she made a mistake in trying to get rid of the name under which she made her reputation. A few days ago she made a sweeping change, a sudden change, and now she regrets, as all do, her hasty action. She has concluded to cling to the sweet past, sailing under the banner that brought her so many triumphs. She will be known in the future as Suzette Sutton Sehon, a compromise with the past and future. She is a Cuban; hence the unusual name.

DOUGLASS THEATRE, MACON, GA.

(By Horace Woodard.)

Miss Kite Fisher's whist party was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 9th. .. A convivial party enjoyed a Dutch lunch at Mr. O. A. Tracy's and Miss Kite Fisher's home, 803 Ocmulgee street, after the performance at the Douglass Theatre. Those present were: Clark & Clark, Stovall & Stovall, Mrs. Julia Matthews, Mrs. Ethel Cox, Mrs. Oliver Adams, Miss Willie M. Wright, Mrs. Fannie Petties, Miss Annie Cox, Mr. C. H. Douglass, Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Horace Woodard, Mr. James Chatman, Mr. John Singleton, Mr. Mack Pope. .. Regards to friends in and out of the profession. Kenner & Williams, why don't you write?

AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

(By Tim Owsley.)

The show business is very good in Champaign. At least we found it so. We arrived in Champaign at 5 a. m. Monday and were conducted to Mr. Lee's rooming house on Hickory street. We reported for rehearsal at 11 o'clock and found The Majestic Theatre a very neat little theatre with a seating capacity of about 300 persons. Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Nickens are two women who deserve much credit, having taken upon themselves the responsibility of giving the colored population of Champaign a place of amusement where they are always welcome. Mrs. Mathews is one of those real business women, likewise her partner, Mrs. Nickens. Mrs. Mathews is said to be one of the wealthiest colored women in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Mathews is a real good fellow, one who makes it pleasant for all strangers.

Everyone around the theatre is of the Mathews' type—all good fellows. Now you know you are going to eat while in Champaign, and what it takes to feed you, Mr. Dyers has got it. He runs a cafe for our people and one that is worth while. Mr. Bell is the manager, and one who makes it his business to see that all who may eat at the Dyers' Cafe get their money's worth.

Our little show opened to very good business Monday night and the patrons of the Majestic, as well as the owners and managers, were more than satisfied at our small effort to please. Our little company for this week is Willard Davenport, George Davenport, George Lomax, Miss Johnson and Tim Ousley, Mr. Pugglesby presiding at the piano. I will also state acts having a week or three days off wishing to break a jump, write the management. They are trying to make it possible for the colored actor to have another week added to his list of working weeks.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT—WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 1915.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley, Theatre, Lew W. Henry manager: Van & Clovette, Gant & Perkins, Baker & Berry. Howard Theatre, Andrew J. Thomas, manager: Allen & Wiggins, Ver Valin Trio, Conner & Mann. Fairyland Theatre, Brooks & Ross, managers: Braxton & Nugent. Foraker Theatre, George Tucker, manager: Moore & Hudgins.

Baltimore, Md.—Lincoln Theatre, Benj. Flake, manager: Ricks & Talbert.

Richmond, Va.—Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, manager: Nichols & Jones, Hellens & Austin.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre, C. L. Andrews, manager: Richardson & Towel, Isola Ringold.

Richmond, Va.—Dixie Theatre, Chas. Somma, manager: Lawson & Brown.

Lynchburg, Va.—Ford's Theatre, R. F. Johnson, manager: Martin & Motley's Stock Co.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theatre, John T. Gibson, manager: Chas. Anderson, Granstaff & Davis, Washburn & Piper and other acts.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre, Wilhoit & Collier, managers: Richardson & Hinkle.

ST. LOUIS AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Tim and Hester Moore Keep Up Their Carnival of Fun.—Virginia Liston, Single, Goes Good—Gilpin & Woods and Tolliver & Chappelle Add to Big Week's Bill—Giants Baseball Club Rounding Into Form—Furlands-Tango Ball a Big Social Triumph—Turpin Contest Begins—Bert Williams One Big Social Feature.

(By Herbert T. Meadows.)

The past week in St. Louis theatrical, sporting and social circles has been a big one. At the Booker Washington Theatre, Tim and Hester Moore are keeping up the big sensation they created last week, offering their burlesque on "Little Snookums." The balance of the bill is ably handled by Virginia Liston, Gilpin & Woods, Tolliver & Chappelle in meritorious and high grade acts. The show is making good all through and amply entertaining the crowds.

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Bert Williams is on the boards as the "one big feature" this week. He is with the Follies at the Olympic, St. Louis' best house. Bert, as a feature, is reviving the S. R. O. sign and is making good.

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James H. Grant's Furlana-Tango and big band concert, Monday night, February 8, was the classiest affair and most magnificent social function ever given here. 3,000 men and women in full dress and evening garb contributed to its success.

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"Hambone" Jones, of Jones & Liston, who was operated upon here last week, was seen on the streets Tuesday, walking slow but sure. "Hambone" is doing nicely and will be back before the footlights soon.

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Manager Chas. A. Mills is buried in an avalanche of applications for positions on the St. Louis Giants this season. Several college boys have applied. Mills is up in the air on selections, the talent is so good. But several well known diamond stars are sure to be seen in the line-up. The team will train in New Orleans. The first game will be played there on Easter Sunday in a series to continue three weeks. Mills hopes to arrange for games with Pensacola, Nashville and Memphis on the way back home.

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Chas. Turpin, owner of the Booker Washington Theatre, who, it is claimed, was fraudulently beaten out of the re-election to the office of constable last fall, won the rights in the courts to open the ballot boxes this week and the contest is now on. St. Louis is with Charlie and believes he will win out.

CINCINNATI, O., THEATRICAL NOTES.

Under the guiding hand of Mr. Ollie Dempsey, "The Lincoln" continues to thrive. Mr. Dempsey was the first Negro to venture into the theatrical world in Cincinnati, his vehicle being The Pekin on West Fifth street. How well he succeeded we all know. Let us hope that he will be as successful in his new venture. The indispensible Col. Brown is still connected with the Dempsey interests as manager, assisted by Miss Gaylie West in the ticket office. Mr. Geo. Shears, engineer; Mr. Lawrence Ross, usher; Mr. Reed Turnner, operator, and Mr. Frank Bennett, at the piano, and Mr. Ed Brown, traps, complete a most efficient house staff. The attrastions at The Lincoln the week of Feb. 15 are as follows: Ed Peat opens with a very interesting monologue, which got the house. It is strangely coincident that Miss Ella Hayes, of the team of Peat & Hayes, appeared at this theatre last week(?) Burton & Mitchell proved to be a scream from beginning to end. Miss Mitchell's wardrobe attributed in no small measure to the success of the act. Johnnie Woods and Little "Henry," as the closing attraction, proved to be as popular as ever with Cincy audiences. Little Henry sings "Way Down South" as it was never sang before. Truly a great bill.

The Pekin.

The Pekin is running feature pictures exclusively and is still a favorite with the people. Miss Jennie Monroe still presides at the box office and the continued success of The Pekin is due in a great measure to her popularity. It might be said here that Mr. Dempsey still controls The Pekin. Mr. Ed Anderson furnishes the music at this theatre. Mr. Harry Howard is doorman.

Items.

The "Brownies," champion colored bowling team of Ohio, defeated their old rivals, "The Cracker Jacks," at Yaffee's alleys Monday night.

Gray & Dunlop, Edwards & Hardee, Princess Sotanka, Miss Ella Hayes and Glenn Brogsdale are sojourning in our city.

Mrs. Mary Holland, mother of Ollie Dempsey, is out again, after a very trying illness. Her many friends will be glad to hear of her convalescence.

Times are so hard that "Baldy" Fleming has quit serving soup. I suppose the Fifth street boys will be eating up each other next.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

HARRISON STEWART & COMPANY AT THE GRAND THEATRE.

The Real Quartet—Rare Humorists.

Nine years ago when Harrison Stewart was a youngster and appeared as a popular youthful comedy star at Robert T. Mott's Pekin Theatre, under the tuition of J. Ed Green, the public of the South Side filled the house nightly and it was a similar event which turned people away at both opening performances of Harrison Stewart, late comedian of the Black Patti Company, in a one-act comedy, entitled "The Real Estate Agent," last Monday evening. Stewart, who appeared in black face as the uneducated agent, was at his best in good comedy lines, which brought thunderous laughter at short intervals. The weakest feature of the play is its lack of construction to intimate that we were in a bogus insurance office and the weak part of a gun which did not go off in the place of a needed pistol. Others who had little to do in a comedy with no acting were Will Cooke, a good actor; Jeanette Murphy and Viola Stewart, whose comedy dialect was a special feature. On Thursday "The Whitewash Man" was put on, which will be reviewed next week. Grant & Rector, in new original society dances, were rarely artistic, except a few "jack" steps in the novel "Southern slow rag." The white acts were The Three Rianos in "September Morn in Africa," a jungle scene handsomely set, in which the ape, lion and acrobatic specialties were extraordinarily fine. Keath & DeMont, talkers, eccentric dancers and balancers, had new and original ideas that were novel and they should have had sense enough to dance instead of talk in response to a lavish encore. Cross & Mooney, who were classy and entertaining, pleased. The last half of last week had The Real Quartet, in which Geo. Conley, the tenor especially; J. Louis Johnson, Loraine Board and John Turner rendered genuine harmony to great satisfaction. The white acts were "Dolly's Dolls," a fairy Mother Goose story that was a little too long in song numbers, but had a good comedian and an excellent female dancer. Frank Cotter, a clown comedian, was an excellent talker and tumbler. Warden & Gearin, with a good female singer had excellent moving pictures and scenic songs, and the Cycling Brunetts were a merry novelty.

String Beans Returns With His Wife.

At the New Monogram.

Back to give testimony of how his art has variated since his last departure in a siege of waning glory, String Beans (Butler May) and his wife, Sweetie May, are on the job again to give Bandana Land, who gave them a full house, a new initiatory. Beans told tedious stories of war which went into Biblical history. Then told how bad he is. He said that when he goes to bed the bed bugs cry for mercy and when he gets up he has to be polite to himself. Sweetie, whose limit of poses were "called" by Beans, was dressed in cream satin with a turbin which had beaded tossels. The Goodletts were most excellent musical artists, the man scoring in the sextett from Lucia on the xylophone. There were two other acts on the bill. Johnnie Woods, who appeared last week after Monday, made a big hit and can easily return.

The States and Movie Houses.

"An Eye for An Eye," an exciting melo-drama, will be seen Saturday and "Daughter of the People" Sunday and a special bill for Washington's birthday.

The Phoenix Theatre.

"Salomy Jane" drew full houses here and "The Christian" drew well at the Fountain. There will be an extra fine bill at the Phoenix on Washington's birthday.

The Washington.

"Where Is My Wandering Boy" and "The Master Key" series will be Saturday and Sunday attractions.

The Pekin Theatre.

This house, which is still owned by the Motts estate, is now open as a fivecent picture house. Mrs. Dan Jackson, formerly Miss Linsay, Mr. Motts' sister, having secured a new license. It is intimated that the house will be used for charitable and beneficial purposes.

The Atlas Theatre.

The managers of this house have at last found a way to please the public and business is quite satisfactory.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

Johnson & Dean opened Monday at McVickers' Theatre. Russell Smith was a recent visitor in town, booming his latest song, "Everything He Does Just Pleases Me." Lula Coates, with Keene & Johnson, open in Indianapolis at the Lyric next week.

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The Blackwell lunch room at 3025 State street, opposite the Old Monogram, is picking up. Good meals are served.

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The funeral of Isaac Bell, the well known tenor, quartet and lyceum singer, took place at his home, 3753 Rhodes avenue, Saturday, February 6th. Dr. Fisher and Rev. Lewis officiated. Mr. Bell caught a cold during his tour for the Harmon Lyceum. He was 38 years of age and a man of fine quality.

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Bert Murphy and Kid Thomas have finished dates at Philadelphia and Atlantic City, N. J. They have been given extended booking on the big time. Frances Murphy and son, Bert, Jr., of New York, are to visit Margaret Ward Thomas in Chicago at an early date.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Carter gave a tea and reception to Prof. and Mrs. W. Henry Thomas, of New York, at their residence, 3260 Vernon avenue, February 7, 1915.

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There was a benefit for the "Old Soldiers' Widows Rest," 3258 Forest avenue, given at the States Theatre, matinee, February 12th. The affair was a grand success. The committee, Nina Hall, president; Mrs. Roan, secretary; Mrs. S. A. Lane, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Gardner, manager, and Mrs. Jane Ridley, matron, wish to thank the Salkin Enterprise managers for the use of the theatre. The program consisted of Mrs. Fanny Hall Clint, Betolla Fortson, Miss Winfrey, Prof. Jackson, Helen Ricks, Lottie Black, Lenora Curtis, in singing and reading. Edward W. Bailey was accompanist.

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The new Elite No. 2 was well filled up and down stairs on the 14th inst. The old Elite was doing usual business also. The DeLuke is very popular and drawing big crowds. The Panama grill room pictorial is now completed Business was fine. Al Russell's grill room was also merry. The new Spanish-American Cafe at the Richlieu did not open as the plans were interrupted by the young man's family. The Richlieu is now the actors' headquarters and is one of the finest places in the city, situated at 20 and 22 East Thirty-first street, where all mail for Sylvester Russell and actors should be addressed.

THE CANDIDATE.

The candidates loom by the score,
  The nine-pin game and rolling ball,
And time is fleeting toward the war
  Of mayors and aldermen, that's all.

Judge Olson is Republican,
  And speaks for colored folks galore;
If Carter Harrison's the man,
  The Democrats cry: "Nevermore"!

Will Hale Thompson is Hewlet's plea;
  Sweitzer completes the mayor quartet;
Of colored aldermen there's three,
  And Griffin is the surest bet.

Al Russel and Max Schmidts' contest
  Is like the fire in the grate,
And so we all can guess the rest;
  Next Wednesday they shall know their fate.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

BERT WILLIAMS AND THE FOLLIES PAY INDIANAPOLIS A VISIT.

And Elwood C. Knox, Manager The Freeman, Tells What He Thinks Of The Big Comedian.

(By Nobody.)

Bert A. Williams, the star of star comedians, filled a solid week's engagement here last week at the English Opera House at the head of the long list of the all-star cast of the famous Ziegfield's Follies, comprising a company of 150 people from the front ranks of the profession.

Mr. Williams and fellow members arrived here on Sunday and straight way went to the Hotel Severin where it was expected that they would "put up" but Mr. Williams was refused accommodations because of his color and the rest of the "Follies," being loyal, well-bred persons, refused to except accommodations that were denied the great comedian, so they left at once, in company with Mr. Williams, for the Grand Hotel where they were given "the best in the house."

"It had been several years since I saw my old friend Bert and the moment I caught sight of him I discovered a change for the better in his fine healthy, smiling face and towering form. We exchanged greetings and he informed me that everything was getting on very smoothly so far as he was concerned; that his health had been good except for a heavy cold, but his wife had been alarmingly ill but was now much improved. To prove his words in regard to Mrs. Williams she came over from Chicago Monday night to visit the great comedian and also to be the guest of Mrs. Elwood C. Knox while here.

She looked the picture of health and her spirits were high and delightful. Bert Williams' forty years of life on this earth reminded me of one of twenty, because he is ever laughing and telling you something to make you laugh and, by that, he gets as much fun out of life as any sixteen-year-old would. He is conscious of the fact that he has gained the top round of the ladder in his profession, yet he is plain, genial and very friendly to all his brothers in black. He knows that there are very, very few performers who are receiving a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars a week but that does not cut any figure with his feelings toward the "smallest pea in the pod." He puts out the glad hand and wishes everybody well. If he can give you any advice—and he certainly can—he is glad to do it. During his stay he very often stopped in to see his old friends, Archie Greathouse and Tim Owsley and "the boys" in general. His appearance seemed to create as much excitement as did the visits of Jack Johnson. It was worth a stiff price of admission to hear him tell of his travels and the many funny experiences he had encountered.

Messrs. Greathouse and Owsley made special arrangements to entertain him and they succeeded in doing so.

The Indianapolis News, one of the great papers of the west, published as a fact, that Mr. Williams received $1,000 a week and $48,000 a season for his performance in the Follies but Mr. Williams informed me that he only received $750 a week and that he had signed for another season at the same salary. I believe that most any of us would be very well satisfied at receiving $750 a week and, indeed, tickled to death at that."

HALL'S WISDOME OF STAGEDOME —HOOTS FROM THE OWL.

(By Lew Hall.)

Adversity will not last forever.

Weak acts united become strong.

Acts must be founded on knowledge.

Better young and wise than old and a fool.

Acts often change and seldom do better.

It's better to seek advice now than after a while.

Acts who will not take advice, will have to buy dear repentance.

Acts which cannot climb the mountain must remain in the valley.

Acts must bear that which hurts and they may gain that which profits.

The team which builds according to everybody's advice will have a crooked act.

What we think people would think have kept us from succeedin'.—Abe Martin.

Notice: The "Smart Set" Company with Salem Tutt Whitney, appearing at the Lyceum Theatre in Pittsburgh, Pa., this week, will be reviewed next week by yours truly.

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WANTS TO FIND HER BROTHER.

I have a brother with show, what show I do not know. His name is Robert Lovelace. My mother is dead. Come at once or let me hear from you. From your sister, Katie M. Lovelace, 156 Cohea street, Jackson, Miss.

NEWS AT GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. H. C. Riley has returned home from Emmory, where she visited her mother. .. Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Williams, spent last Sunday in Dallas with their sister. .. Mrs. C. M. Strickland and Mr. J. C. Cooper were the guests of Miss L. Johnson, of Dallas, where they attended a birthday party. ..Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stinson, of Dallas, were in this city visiting their brother and daughter, Mr. Jim Grissom and Mrs. H. Ridge. .. Last Monday night, Feb. 8, the home of Joe Culberson on East Henry street, was entered by a burglar or burglars and relieved of more than $300 in cash. An investigation has been made by officers, but so far no clew has been found which is likely ti lead to the capture of the parties responsible for the loss. Mr. Joe Culberson is the treasurer of two orders, the Masonic and Odd Fellows. Mason's money was $30, Odd Fellow's money $216.89 and the money of the home $90. The party who got the money appeared to have little trouble in taking the rake off. .. Mr. Sam Ward, of S. Steward street, had a stroke of paralysis Saturday evening Feb. 13 and at this writing is in a very critical condition. .. Mr. W. M. Moore is very low at his home on E. Poke street. .. Sir M. W. Reece, D. G. M. of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, paid to Mrs. Rena Hall $300, claim of her husband's death. .. Little Miss H. Ridge entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party last Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, and now she is the guest of her grandmather and grandfather in Dallas. .. Sunday, Feb. 7 was a high day with all the churches, being the first pretty Sunday for some time. Every church was filled to its capacity and all report an excellent collection. Clark St. Christian church collection being $33.90 and several additions; N. H. Church $30 and several additions. The high class and up-to-date line of pictures that are being run at the Pastime Theatre is drawing large crowds and the manager is all in smiles. .. Freeman on sale every Saturday at Pastime Theatre.—W. D. Pratt, reporter.

STAGE NOTES.

Howard & Mason were at the Pantages Theatre, Seattle, Wash., last week; this week at Pantages Theatre, Vancouver, B. C.

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Berry & Washington, La Belle Marie and that colored gentleman are playing this week at the Lincoln Theatre, Pittsburgh, Pa. Address all mail 1416 Wilson street. Washington stumbled upon his brother, two nieces and nephew there. Result: A grand family reunion ovation. Some glad, some fun, some time.

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The Armstrongs, "America's Greatest Colored Magicians," are now rehearsing their big new act for their 27th annual tour. The Armstrongs enjoy the distinction of having the most varied and refined magic act in the business. Mrs. Armstrong ("Little Belle") will present this season her big mind reading and spiritualistic act with a novelty, "the flight of figures." Mr. Armstrong ("Hartford, the Great") will present mechanical, electrical and chemical magic with his original coin act, "Uncle Sam's Nephew." They have for this act very elaborate settings and costumes.

BOSTON, MASS.

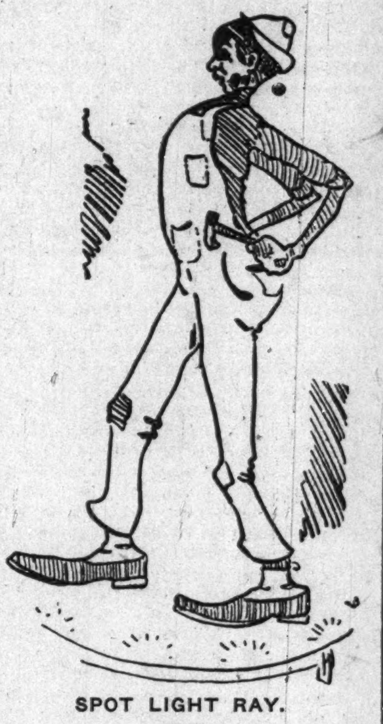
Boston has a new hotel. Mr. R. J. Royston is the proprietor. He deserves great credit. He has given Boston a first class colored hotel, where any visitor will be glad to go. Best of food, best of music and lowest prices. Here's to his success. Remember, The Freeman can and will be delivered to your door every Saturday by your truly, Frank Stanley.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Held for Grand Jury.

Pete Porter to Performers and Friends: I am now confined in the city jail of the above town, charged with abducting a girl from home, but I am innocent of the crime. The girl is a stage struck girl and trailed the show to Norfolk. A week after we had gone the father had me arrested because I was manager, saying that I carried her. So I am asking friends and performers to help me raise the money to get a lawyer to get me a hasty trial, for the 15th of April is a long ways off to wait for grand jury, and my health is bad and no way to treat my condition in here. (Hello L. W. Marshall, I have fell in your state. Can you help me? I need a fixer. Let me hear from you and Mr. J. J. Jones, Buck Turner, Tom Moss) and all of my friends. This is no place for A. F. and A. M. man so I am asking fortunate friends as well as professional. Clyde Janes known as Dollar Bill, has been very faithful and coming to see me and doing what he could; also Mr. Dixon and Mr. Erbe Robson has been to see me since being confined in here.

Mr. Editor, thank you for the space in your paper. Those writing or wiring send care City Jail, Newport News, Va. I get it O. K. Thanks to all. I am, respectfully, Peter Porter.



SPOT LIGHT RAY.

Well, Mr. Bert Williams was here with the Ziegfeld Follies and he was idolized by every one except those foolish ones who expected to see him dancing with the leading ladies. And the fellow who had met the comedian fifteen years ago at a certain gathering and was not recognized this time was also somewhat peeved.

Moral: The man farthest up has his troubles too and we sympathize with him.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER.

We give any society holding "sale" half "Selling Cigars."—Standard Cigar Co., Lancaster, Penna.

ROUTE.

Richard & Pringles' Minstrels—Driggs, Idaho, Feb. 22; Ashton, 23; Blackfoot, 24; Logan, Utah, 25; Brigham, 27.

J. C. Huntington's Minstrels—McNeil, Ark., Feb. 22; Magnolia, 23; Homer, La., 24; Gibbsland, 25; Bienville, 26; Natchitoches, 27-28.

In Old Kentucky—Louisville, Ky., week of February 14.

Busby's Minstrels—Kyle, Texas, Feb. 22; Georgetown, 23; Rockdale, 24; Cameron, 25.

Silas Green Company, Prof. Eph Williams, Manager—Sanford, Fla., February 22.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Arnett, Chas.
Alexander, Edw.
Anderson, George
Bright, Wm.
Butler, Billie
Burton, Buzzin.
Brown, Herman
Banks, Chas.
Blue, Steal
Cox, Fletcher
Cox, Jimmy.
Conley, J. A.
Cox, A. F.
Caldell & Wilson.
Cooper, Grant
Dudley, Happy
Daniel Sam Mc.
Easton & Easton.
Evans, Sam
Edmonds, Robert L.
Eldridge, W. L.
Easton, John
Fredericks, William
Earle, Harry J.
Earle, Robert
Everly, Ulysses
Freels, Eugene
Gleen & Brysdale.
Gibbson, Kid.
Gates, Aaron.
Green, Chas. H.
Gilliard, Amos
Glazier's Jubilee Singers.
Hughes, Altrus
Hull, Harry
Hopper, Hamp.
Hamilton, Chas.
Jackson, James T.
Johnson, Simpson
Johnson Elwood.
Johnson, Bennie
King, H. H.
LaVine, Louise
Lewis, Charles H.
Mickels, Dan
Mikell, Eugene
Mills Billie.
MacWorthin, Dan
Miles, Rae
Medley, Percy
Nichols, Frank
Pennell & Holden
Prince, A. L.
Peoples, Amos A.
Prosser, Reese
The Pattersons.
Parker, Elix
Polson, Dillion
Russell, Bob
Pugh, Wm.
Reid, Connors
Shackelford, J. A.
Sanders, Gertrude
Southard, Harry
St. Clair, Harry
Stamper, Geo.
Streety, Willie.
Taylor & Taylor.
Tobias, J. H.
Therence, A. J.
Thelma, The Great
Thompson, Jack.
Turner Melvin (Kid)
Tonsiel, Billie C.
Tobias, Josephine
Worthington, Harry
Wallace, C. H.
Walton, E. L.
Wyer, Jr., Ed
Williams, Fred
White, R. C.
Wauzer, O. F.
Washington, H. B.
White, W. H.
Williams & Williams.

Ladies' List.

Butler, Trixie.
Bradford, Janette.
Brown, Mrs. Cleo M.
Cox, Miss D. M.
Caldwell, Roxy
Caldwell & Wilson
Eddington, Bessie.
Harrison, Maggie
Johnson, Miss Beatrice.
McCoy, Viola
Neilson, Lucile
Preston, Mattie
Sequin, Tillie
Taylor, Maggie
Thomas, Miss Bonnie B.
Ross, Miss Ella.
Redmond, Della
Wilson, Miss Ruth
Whitman, Alberta
Webster, Alma.
Walter Miss Helen

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MONROE, LOUISIANA

Seen and Heard while Passing

By Salem Tutt Whitney
With the Smart Set Co.

There is a sermon I would preach,
Had I the power to release
My tongue in eloquence of speech,
And to all mankind my words would reach
And teach them universal peace.

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Alas for thoughts that in me burn,
To utter them I lack the power;
Confusion strange my speech doth turn,
Like those who worked on Babel's tower.

There is a song that I would sing,
Of love divine, so passing sweet,
That birds would hesitate on wing,
And all who listened, it would bring
Them humbly kneeling at His feet.

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Alas, for me, I can not tell
By e'en one limpid, dulcet note,
The song that in my soul doth swell,
Will never pass my aching throat.

'Tis well for me God knoweth all,
The unspoken word, the silent song;
If I make trial and faint or fall,
Counts not the deed if the will be strong.

He readeth well my soul's intent,
My life to be in imitation
Of His own Son, I am content
That He should know my limitation.

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Definitions.

Crowfeet—Indentations made upon the physiognomy by Time while scratching for Eternity's brood.

An Evil Eye—An automobile light that hypnotizes, blinds and bewilders the pedestrian until the car runs him down, and then shrieks a belated warning to others that a like fate awaits them.

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Life.

The labor pain,
A mother's sigh;
An anguished hush,
A gurgling cry.
A little eat,
A little sleep;
A little joy
And plenty weep.
A lot of work,
A little pay;
And many hopes
That flit away.
And most our plans,
Though just begun,
Find Time too short,
Are left undone.
A little thought
For by-gone years;
A little prayer
Ere Death appears.
A little tired
Playing the game;
A weary sigh
And—sleep again.
—S. T. W.

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Marriage Certificate.

A ticket that permits a man and woman to be the principals in their own show for an indefinite run. Sometimes a farce; seldom a comedy; ofttimes a tragedy.

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Divorce Decree.

Closing notice of the marriage show, very often leaves the actors stranded upon the matrimonial reef, washed by waves of adversity and flooded by tears of regret.

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Alimony.

A sure-cure salve for a broken heart. The forfeit demanded in exchange for a pound of love taken from nearest the heart.

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Old maids grin and cackle
Wear silk skirts that crimp and crackle.

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A Bachelor.

Unmarried man, who pretends to be invulnerable to Cupid's darts, impervious to the passionate glances of female eyes and deaf to the call of home, wife and children, but who is really a coward, afrai dto assume the responsibilities the acquirement of these would entail.

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A Lucky Man.

One who has the courage to persevere and succeed where we are afraid to venture.

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A Fool.

Any one rash enough to differ from our own opinions.

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A Crank.

Usually a person engaged in the pursuance of some enterprise, adventure, quest, game or hobby which we can not comprehend. Who does not ask or accept suggestions and who will brook no interference.

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The following is an extract taken from an editorial in the New York Evening Journal, commenting upon a benefit to be given for the Actors' Fund (white). It is entirely applicable to colored women and men in the theatrical field. It should stimulate appreciation for their work and raise them in the esteem of not a too approving colored public. A benefit for colored actors' fund should be given:

The purpose of this fund is to provide for the old age of stage people, broken down by long wearing stage work and no longer able to support themselves.

To the actors and actresses the people owe a debt they can never repay. There never was a time of disaster or trouble in this country when actors and actresses have not been called upon to give their time and talents to relieve distress. And never has such a request been made that it has not been cheerfully and promptly granted.

The beneficiaries of their generosity are scattered all over the country. The poor of New York and other cities, the sufferers from flood, storm and fire, the victims of disasters of every sort have been fed, clothed and assisted to begin life anew by the money contributed personally by the actors or raised by the great benefits they are always ready to give.

No star is so great that he or she will not willingly respond to a call of this kind. No man or woman of the stage has ever refused to spend hours of rehearsal and hard work in order that the unfortunate might be given assistance.

Were the members of every profession so willing to serve the less fortunate this would be a far happier world. But while an occasional call for help comes to the man in a business profession, hundreds come to the people of the stage, who are always overworked, and who seldom are able to save anything from their salaries for old age.

The lawyer, the doctor and the business man have regular employment, building up their incomes or their business steadily and climbing toward independence. The actor may get seven months' employment in the year or he may get one month. His income is dependent upon the state of a very fickle public, for often, despite the very best work of the actors, plays fail after short runs, and the men and women who put their best work into them must seek for new engagements, usually at a time when there are no engagements to be had.

And even after a successful year the actor is almost invariably compelled to find a manager and to begin all over again the next year. Less than other wage earner is he sure of his job, however hard he may have worked in the past.

That such men and women should be left in poverty in their old age is not a pleasant commentary on the generosity of the public. Their whole lives are spent in service—directly in lightening the burdens of work-weary people across the footlights—indirectly in contributing their great talents to the needs of the unlucky.

They can never gain the smallest success without tremendous effort. They have no opportunity to know anything of home life—their leisure is spent for the most part in road hotels or traveling from one town to another on uncomfortable railroad trains.

Rolling stones, all of them, it is not surprising if they can accumulate nothing and if their health breaks down early in life, leaving them without the physique and the voice that are necessary to even ordinary wages on the stage.

Much has been said about the wastefulness, the shiftlessness and the improvidency of show folk. Too much of it is true. But there's a reason. No class of legitimate professional people are so little understood as actors and actresses. Only in recent years have the majority of good people conceded them the right to earn a living by their God-given talents. They were a people outside the pale of society. A woman with a show was considered little better than a woman from a house of ill-repute. An actor was only a vagabond too lazy to work. Men and women of highly nervous temperaments, ostracized, denied the association of the people of the towns, having no other companionships than their own, what more natural than that these highly strung men and women should at times give vent to their feelings in unusual exercises. Men and women in other professions have been equally guilty but show folk being constantly before the public are therefore more conspicuous.

I am often asked why show folk don't save more money. Then some high salaried artists are mentioned. Show me a man or a woman with a $100 a week salary and I'll have them show you $150 list of dependent relatives and needy friends. No class of people are such helpless victims to unscrupulous graft as show people. They must pay a few pennies more for every article of clothing laundried; it is called rush work and usually poorly done, and lucky the man or woman that gets back all their clothing. There is absolutely no redress for things lost. Rooms that rent to town people for $1.50 per week are rented to show folk at a special rate of $2.50 per week. In most restaurants prices immediately ascend when it is discovered you are theatrical people. No information of any kind is forthcoming without a tip or a "comp." For the most part and in the most places, show folk pay more, receive less consideration, are compelled for the sake of business to stand for more insults, bulldozing and ridiculing than any other class of professional people.

It s practically impossible for a man or woman who is ambitious and nearing the top, to save money. Everybody has a glad hand out and if the palm isn't greased it delivers a knock. It is popularity and drawing qualifications that demand big salaries and these cost the actor an unlimited amount of change. Managers, friends, boosters, parasites and sycophants are a perpetual source of expenditure. Not accounting for costumes and other personal effects. Only when the money comes in faster than it can be spent has the real actor or actress a chance to save money.

S. H. DUDLEY TO PRODUCE COLORED MOTION PICTURES.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—S. H. Dudley, the popular Negro comedian and the first to organize a Negro circuit of theatres, which he is not operating successfully, sees another chance to improve his race by producing colored motion pictures. After a careful investigation, he says that moving pictures are here to stay, and if he expects to hold his present standing in the amusement world, he will have to give his managers real moving pictures. The lack of novelties on the small vaudeville stage drives the patrons to the next door moving picture house. Mr. Dudley says that he can't produce the kind of talent that will swell the box office receipts. The managers can't pay big salaries, unless they take it in. The ambitious and talented young performer will not venture into the business under the present circumstances but they will venture into the moving picture business, where they will get more money and steady work. The public wants to see their pretty girls and talented young men, as the white patrons do theirs. There is no way of seeing them, only in moving pictures as they will not travel in vaudeville or with regular shows.

After a study of the many plants and moving picture concerns in Chicago, he is convinced that a real Negro moving picture manufactory could be made a financial success. The moving picture business is a new amusement to the average manager and it is well to look at it sanely. Mr. Dudley has plunged into it head foremost, as he does all things and has collected all the data possible about the business. His main move is to combine all the present colored producing firms into one exchange or as many as three to start with, two besides his own, one in Chicago, one in New York and one in Washington, D. C., each firm to produce one picture each week. This will give the houses three pictures a week or a new picture every two days. All subjects at the beginning will be one-reel comedies until the public demands Negro features. By that time the race may be able to boast of a May Pickford or an Alice Joyce, a Costello or Bushman. I have found out that talent is shown to a better advantage before the camera than before an audience. There is nothing embarrassing facing the camera. Actors can do their best. Another advantage is that the actors have a chance to criticize their own work, can see their faults and guard against them in their next picture.

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If the present plans work out, the first set of pictures will be shown June 1. As for capital and talent, there is plenty of it to be put into the moving picture business. I don't think I will have the least bit of trouble contracting enough houses in the East and West to take care of all of our outputs. Two vaudeville acts and two pictures will satisfy any audience for 10 cents.

It's up to us to move. I am going to start.

SEYMOUR JAMES WRITES FROM THE DIXIE SERENADERS MINSTRELS AT CLIFTON, IDAHO.

The Dixie Serenaders are in their fifth week in the state of Idaho, where they have been having great success. Seymour James, the monologuist, vocalist and buck and wing dancer, and Pope & Dallas (Ethel and Tedd) joined the company at Lava Hot Springs. Pope & Dalas have one of the best acts of the kind traveling. It consists of singing, talking and dancing and comedy wire walking. Mr. Pope is without doubt the best colored wire walker in the business. The show is headed by the world's greatest blind men, Mr. James Johnson and Eddie Mackey, who play on twenty-five different instruments, such as saxaphones, mellophones, guitars, mandolins, electric banjos. Mr. Johnson is one of those funny men that you seldom see. He is funny from the time he enters the stage until he leaves. Mr. Mackey is also a swell pianologue, playing some of the best selections. Mr. Elton Starks, from Boneist & Barton Singers, is having great success singing "My Chain of Memories," and is over making good nightly. Mr. James Thompson is also a very sweet singer, one that has a nice smile on and off the stage.

Miss Dorothy Newsome, the little child wonder, and Miss Develine Thompson do a very neat sister team act. Miss Dorothy looks good in pants. She wears some very swell wardrobe, such as white flannel suits. Miss Thompson has a very good stage appearance. She wears some swell gowns. Last but not least, Mrs. James Johnson, the dashing brown-skin Illinois girl, is a swell cornetist. Her cornet solos with the band on the street is a feature with the show. She is also a fine soprano singer and enterlocutor. The company carries special scenery and electrical experts.

At Lava Hot Springs Sunday, Feb. 7th, the company spent the afternoon going in bathing, and believe me, we had some time. The company carries a ten-piece band. The entire company sends regards to all in and out of the profession. Seymour James says hello to Washburn & Piper, Shaffer & Schaffer and Gray & Dunlop. Seymour says he is having great success out west, looking at the mountains and going sleigh riding. Some class Mr. Johnson thanks everyone who answered the ad in The Freeman which he had a few weeks ago, and says when he needs people again he would like very much to have them.

RICHARD & PRINGLE.

(By Pearl Moppin.)

The Georgias are still in Idaho doing good business.

Clarence Powell joined the show at Boise, and Amos Peoples, comedian and melopherie, joined at Mountain Home. Ed Tolliver, comedian and tuba, joined at Shoshone.

We are now using six end men. Manzie Campbell and Clarence Powell are the second edition.

Walter Lee, our sweet-tone cornetist, closed at Mountain Home and left for the East.

Chauncey Murdock, cornet and second violin, is now playing all the cornet that is to be played in B and O. Are expecting more musicians in a few days.

Mr. B. F. Stevens, our saxaphonist and trap drummer, will leave us at Ashton, Idaho, southward bound.

Mr. Sidney Kirkpatrick is singing with great success, "In the Garden of My Heart."

Company sends regards to all friends.

PERFORMERS BEWARE OF MR. BILLY SMITH.

Manager Crown Winter Garden, Columbus, Ohio—I find in the rating of your last week's edition regarding the clever manager of the above named theatre that my personal experience with this man has been everything but pleasant. My understanding with Mr. Smith was to play his house indefinitely or as long as we made good. We overdid this to the degree that Mr. Smith signed contracts on Thursday, the 11th, for second week. After his diagnosisof the situation, finding he would be deprived of a few dollars on his Sunday's receipts and after I had arranged dates with the New Standard Theatre, Philadelphia, with a certainity to extend to the week of the 22nd, Mr. Smith double crosses me on Friday night by giving as his excuse that a Mr. Clark, presumably the owner of the property, was asking him for the keys. and he would be forced to close his relations with the house on Saturday night, which I found to be absolutely false and without foundation. I wish to state here that these ungentlemanly tactics pursued by the gentleman known as Mr. Smith, is directly a loss to me of at least $250.00. I wish to state farther that the standard of our race of people will never be recognized as capable and worthy until we have weeded out such as he. With my very best wishes to those in and out of the profesion, I am indebted very respectfully to the editor for the very valued space.

WILLIS ELWOOD BURDEN,
Manager Gem Stock Company.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Billy E. Jones, the popular vocalist, is featuring the song hits, "Winter Time" and "It's the Same Old Town."

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Miss Cora Green is still the bright feature at the Barron Astoria Cafe, 2275 7th avenue. Visitors are always welcome.

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That classy cabaret show at Woods' Cafe, 2161 5th avenue ,is the talk of Harlem. First class entertainers are pleasing the patrons with the song hits.

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Williams & Stevens are now on Church time through the East. They will soon rehearse their show of thirty-two people to open some time in April.

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At Griffen's New Crescent Cafe, 126 W. 135th street, the entertainers are Miss Mabel Turner, Helen Ray, Mamie Hendricks, Tina Ray and Mildred Creed.

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Wm. H. Farrell, the pianist and composer, has his all-star company now playing this week in Brooklyn, with Philadelphia and Baltimore to follow.

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Evon Robison, Mme. Fairfax and Ethel Williams and Johnny Peters were some of the big features with the Follies at the Lafayette Theatre last week.

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The Blankneal Cafe, West 135th street, New York, near Lenox avenue, is the home of all artists when in the city. The management is making this a popular place in Harlem.

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At the Pekin Dining Rooms, 447 Lenox avenue, New York, Miss Grace Spencer, the clever entertainer and others, are the big noise at the Pekin and the only place of its kind in Harlem.

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Madame Sissieretta Jones (Black Patti) has embraced religion at the Congdon Street Baptist church and has, according to reports, severed her relations with the stage and its attractions. She resides in Providence, Rhode Island.

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Don't forget the Orient Dining Rooms, 430 Lenox avenue, New York, where first class meals are served and high class cabaret singers to entertain you while you eat. Mr. R. L. Pope, the proprietor, desires all visitors to call when in the city. Due courtesy shown to all.

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At the Lafayette Theatre this week Lester A. Walton presents Lubrie Hill's Darktown Follies in the musical comedy, "A Black Corporation," which is making a big impression on the Harlemites. The new song hit, "Harlem Prance," is a big hit. Good shows are the rule at his house, which is the secret of their success.

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In visiting Jersey City, N. J., don't forget the A La Mode, 49 Sields street, which is the most up to date and most popular place in the city. Good music every evening. Sacred concert every Sunday by well known artists. First class meals are served and special dinners on Sundays and holidays. Mrs. Thos. Richardson, proprietress; Miss Ethel Pugh, cashier.

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Prof. Wm. Jones' orchestra has the musical numbers this week: "Cruel Papa," Stern; "By Heck," Stern; "Weep No More," Stern; Winter Time," Snyder; "Morning Exercises," Snyder; "Pigeon Walk," W. Vontilzer; "I Didn't Raise My Boy to be a Soldier," L. Feist; "I've Loved You Since You Were a Baby," Feist; "It's Too Late Now," W. Vontilzer; "Johnson's Ragtime Band," M. Abrahams; "China Town, My China Town," Renick; "On the 515," Remick; "When I Discovered You," Snyder.

FRANK HENDON INFORMS STAGE-STRUCK GIRLS.

Dear Henden—I heard that Mr. Lew Hall had been out of the profession. Has he been in or out —Georgia.

Answer—Been in Georgia.

Dear Hendon—Jackson and Gaston are trying to show me where they are acrobats.—Doubtful Dorothy.

Answer—One of them can do a wench turn.

Dear Hendon—Do Murphy and Walker shake hands while doing their act?—Sociable Sophia.

Answer—No, they shake feet, Soph.

Dear Hendon—Johnnie Woods says that if he ever comes back to Chitlinswitch, Alabama, he will marry me. Should I trust him?—Faithful Fantasy.

Answer—He is tricky, Fant.

Dear Hendon—I've heard so much about Mr. Trotter. He is a great man. I think he would make a great general in some army. Is he for the Germans?—European Eula.

Answer—I heard him talk on segregation. His doctrine is, stay out of the allies, Eu.

Dear Hendon—Dr. Washington says: "Raise a pig." My little son and my little pig are about to eat me out of existence.—Rural Ruth.

Answer—You are not taking the doctor's advice. Raise a pig doesn't mean raise two, Rut.

NOTES FROM "EPH WILLIAMS' TROUBADOURS" PRESENTING "SILAS GREEN."

We are still in the paradise of America, the east coast of Florida. Good business rules all through this section. The roster of the company is as follows: Prof. Eph. Williams, sole owner and manager; R. A. Williams, treasurer; R. C. Puggsley, business manager; W. Goff Kennedy, amusement director and superintendent of transportation; Ross H. Jackson, advance agent; George Smith, bandmaster; Jesse Reeves, leader of orchestra; Al Boyd, stage manager; W. O. Harper, representative; Joe Helm, superintendent of lights; Ben Robinson, superintendent of canvas; Ollie Savoy, chef; James Williams, assistant; W. A. Baynard, Principal Straights, Frd Wiggins, Slim Austin, Charles English and Leroy Knox, comedians; Frank Smedley, basso; Gaines Bros., Albert Charles, comedy acrobats; Great Adams, trick bicyclists; Rebecca Redmond, Susie Cooksey, Edna Dudley, Ella Smith, Ella Simmons, Rosetta Keys, Minnie Davenport, ladies; two large draft horses and eight educated ponies; Frank Hopkins, baritone and violin; Isaiah Wilds, trombone and flute; Laurence Booker, cornet and violin; R. J. Mitchell, cornet; Jesse Reeves, trombone; George Smith, cornet; Willie Fisher, tuba; Willie Austin, trombone; Leroy Knox and Ford Wiggins, battery. Professor Williams is having a new car built by Hotchkiss Blue, of Chicago. Company sends regards. More anon.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

Singing had a good representation on the bill, and one of the acts that pleased was that of the King, Van & Marshall trio. Other acts were Nicholas & Jones, Edgar Conner & Cecil Mann, Butler & Johnson, Helen & Austin. The show rounded out with the "Ten Dark Nights," featuring John Rucker, the Alabama Blossom. Their singing and dancing brought responsive applause. Business is good.

COLORED THEATRE MANAGERS AND ACTORS.

For the last few years, the colored show business was on the road to be one of the best paying propositions in the country, but today the bottom has dropped out of it and I have been trying to solve the problem as to the cause, whether it is the manager, the actor or the patrons. But I am of the opinion that the blame is on poor managers and bad management, on both the managers' and actors' part. The manager will get in a cheap act that cannot get work on account of not changing his bill, not having anything new to offer, and he can get them ten dollars cheaper than the act he holds contracts for the coming week. And after he stays the second week, he induces the manager to put in a cheap stock and shows him where he can run his house much cheaper with stock than with vaudeville. Therefore the manager takes this up and the first two weeks he realizes a few dollars more on the stock company than with vaudeville. Then the third week business drops off and the manager cannot understand. Stop and think that any new venture will draw for a week or so, but remember when you take off this stock of about ten people and go back to your usual vaudeville, the people think they are not getting their money's worth and will not turn out.

If I may I will offer a suggestion. If you think that stock will pay, then why not do as some of the Southern managers do, put on an act that can put on stock, as most of the stocks are nothing but afterpieces and let them put on stock for three weeks with the vaudeville acts you are to use and this will give you new faces each week and gives the public what they want, a whole lot for their money. If houses can afford to pay two teams, they can play one team for three weeks that can produce and another team and a single each week. This will give you five people for stock and not any more than you have paid for vaudeville. I am not trying to tell you how to run your house, only offering a suggestion. I must say there are a number of managers and actors in the field who are not worthy of the positions which they hold, as the most of them have not had any experience in this business and as to the managers some of them do not know good talent and therefore do not appreciate good talent when they see it. They feed their patrons on smut because some act has come along and made the people laugh. They do not stop to think that the inferior act that depends on smut to make his act go, is detrimental to his house ,as they will only draw the lowest class and drive the better class away, but by using good clean talent both classes will patronize the theatre, as the rougher element love good talent better than the better class. I must say that this will have to be done before we can call ourselves good business men and if we do not know the business in which we are engaged, get some one who does know it, to run it and take pointers from them. Another thing, the sooner the managers of colored houses organize and get together the good acts do likewise ,the sooner the business wil limprove.

I would like to see all of the managers get together and hold a meeting and they could decide and sign papers that they are to play and pay all recognized acts that are booked in their houses, and should the act not show up unless sickness or death prevents, they will not get any more work in these houses. The good acts should register and each manager get a list of these acts. This will put the inferior acts out of the business and give the managers a better show with no worry as to what he is going to get.

One great fault of today is that the actors are not sure whether they are going to make next week or not, as the managers will wait until Saturday to let the act know that he can not use them. Why is this? So many acts are wildcatting over the country into towns and taking work cheaper than the acts that are booked in the houses. I blame the managers for this. They should be made to pay the acts whether he uses them or not when they are booked in his house, and if he can not play them, notify them in time and those acts that do this should be blacklisted, no matter how good they may be. All acts that do not send photos deserve to be canceled. The managers depend on this for advertisement, and should the act send photos in time, if the manager does not care to play them, he should return the photos at once. Until we live up to these things we will always have trouble.

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WILLARD DEVELOPS A ONE-TWO PUNCH.

Sparring Partner Declares Knockout Lingers in Hard Straight Right Following Left, Unbalancing Blow—Jess to Carry Fight.

(By Tex O'Rourke.)

Camp Willard, near Yaleta, Texas. —Willard is developing his "one-two" into a mighty dangerous proposition. He uses it both as a form of attack and defense, leading with a straight left to the face, which is more of an unbalancing blow and turning his "one-two" into a mighty jolt with a hard right straight from the shoulder. He puts his whole weight and strength behind it, and even with soft gloves on it feels like a southern attack from a northbound mule.

I am often asked what I consider Willard's best blow, and I usually give preference to his fast straight left, but for a genuine, quick-finishing wallop I consider this left and right combination in a class all by itself.

Willard's wind seems to be in grand shape. After boxing the usual six rounds with Monahan, Hempel and myself Jesse wrestled for nearly 15 minutes without a letup. There is nothing more tiring and wind-taking than neck wrestling if it is entered into with spirit and vim, and Willard goes after his man as if he wanted to tear him to pieces.

Walter Monahan is proving to be a very valuable asset to the camp. Besides being a boxer of no little skill, he is an expert at massaging.

Guests of Villa's Brother.

The party has been invited over to Juarez as guests of Hipolito Villa, the general's brother. The evening's program will include visits to the old missions and other historic places, a peep at the famous gambling halls and a Mexican dinner at the Black Cat, where a special entertainment has been arranged.

This will be the first bit of dissipation allowed the big fellow since he started training, but there's not much danger of his doing anything that will hurt him, for he has a pretty good idea of what he should or should not do, and he is taking no chances.

A few well meaning but misguided citizens of El Paso have been trying to get up a petition for the purpose of denouncing the fight. In spite of the fact that a liberal minded local newspaper has allowed them the use of its columns the movement will die out. Up to the present writing the few contributions have been of such a nature as would lead one to suspect the authors of having a profound ignorance of the subject at hand. When a reformer tries to assail the boxing game through attacks on the morals of the fighters he is overlooking a few very fundamental requisitions of the game.

As a whole, the business men of El Paso, bankers, lawyers and all, are pulling for Willard, and look upon the fight as advertising. The same paper that published the protests carried on the opposite sheet a half-page advertisement inserted by the board of trade encouraging the reader to attend the fight and, incidentally, look over their beautiful city. It will be a strenuous week for the old town. The Panhandle cattle men's convention will be held here on the second, third and fourth of March; racing and big league baseball all week, and the fight on the **sixth**.

Willard Weighs 245.

Willard boosted the scales up to the 245 mark the other day, and he put on his flannel bandage before starting his road work. Swathed in fifteen feet of red wool blanketing, he covered six and a half miles of dirt road in less than fifty minutes. His retinue of co-workers had a hard time keeping in hailing distance of him, and were nearly all in at the finish. After sweating out under a couple of heavy blankets and a comforter, he again weighed in and found he had lost three pounds. Allowing for an increase of two pounds during the day, it would take at this rate around two weeks to get down to the weight he wants to fight at. If he can make 230 he will not have a surplus ounce on his body, and should be able to stay through the 45 rounds with ease should the fight go the limit.

Willard is not going to lay back and let the big cinder set his own pace, as many seem to think he will, but will be on top of him from the first gong to the finish. They say that Johnson can beat anyone who will bring the fight to him, and this may be true. However, Jesse is going to give him this chance in the hope of either tiring him out or finding an opening for his own good right or left.

Jeffries Backs Willard.

A few of the visitors wanted to know why the big fellow did not knock his sparring partners out, in fact, they did not hesitate to express their evident disappointment. The fact is that he landed at least a dozen blows that would have caused a temporary intermission had it not been for the extra large gloves he wears.

Nobody has been able to hurt the big Kansan yet; he has never been staggered by a blow; he has never had a black eye. Not even Jeffries had the strength of this giant, and this is admitted by the ex-champion himself. Jeffries is a close friend of Willard and will back him heavily in the coming fight. He has been invited by Jones to spend as much time as possible at he camp.

The management is modestly claiming that the total gate receipts will exceed those of the Reno fight which pulled down over $270,000, but this is hardly likely. However, Jones, Curley & Co. will be well paid for their trouble, while Willard, if he turns the trick, will soon be numbered among the country's capitalists.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Jack Hannibal, of Indianapolis, met Jim Black, of Evansville, in a boxing contest in that city February 19.

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Freddie Welsh will meet Charley White in Milwaukee February 25. Welsh will receive $5,000 as a guarantee and a percentage of the receipts.

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New Orleans, La., Feb. 14.—Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, and Johnnie Dundee, of New York, lightweights, fought twenty fast rounds to a draw here today.

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Albany, N. Y.—The repeal of the Frawley boxing law and the abolition of the State Athletic Commission created under it is sought in a bill introduced last week by Assemblyman Sullivan.

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In the future Sailor Burton, U. S. N., will be under the management of Bennie Butler, the New York Amsterdam News, 17 W. 135th St.; Sailor Merriott, trainer, ex-featherweight champion, U. S. N.

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Akron, O.—Everything was arranged for the twelve-round bout here on February 22, between Johnny Griffiths, Akron lightweight, and Joe Shugrue. Joe is guaranteed $2,000, with the privilege of 30 per cent.

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Through The Freeman of Indianapolis as an advertising medium the New Orleans baseball club has been able to arrange a series of games with the American Giants, of Chicago, Rube Foster's team. The games will be played at Eddy's Park, New Orleans, March 13, 14 and 15, the opening of the season.

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El Paso, Tex.—Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, intends to take out $50,000 insurance on the boxer's arms, $25,000 on each. Willard is to meet Jack Johnson for the championship in Juarez, Mexico, on March 6, and Jones is anxious to guard against loss by accidents before the proposed forty-five round match takes place.

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Philadelphia.—Darkey Griffin, the sensational Brooklyn featherweight, defeated Eddie Dorsey, of West Philadelphia, in the windup at the Broadway A. C. the night of February 11, before one of the largest crowds of the season. Griffin's stiff jabs to the face and his left hooks to the stomach took the fight out of Dorsey.

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The Denison Cubs will be in the field this year with a much stronger lineup than last year. Games with fast out-of-town teams are desired. A meeting will be held tonight at 405 West Tenth street. All of last year's players and those wishing tryouts are requested to attend. For games address William Thomas, 48 Middle street.

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Kid Snead, of Louisville, challenges any colored welterweight, 142 pounds, in the South to meet him for the championship. He challenges Lew Williams, Batling Jack Russell, Eddie Palmer and Gorilla Jones to meet him before any club of the South. Address all challenges to Chas. Porter, 206 E. Green street, Louisville, Ky.

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El Paso, Tex.—Articles were signed February 11 for a twenty-round bout between Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, and Gene Delmont, Memphis, Tenn., on March 5, the night preceding the Johnson-Willard fight at Juarez. Tom Jones, manager for Willard, signed for Wolgast and Delmont signed in person. They will fight at 133 pounds.

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There will be no modern dancing for Harvard's track athletes if Coaches Donovan and Powers know of it. The Crimson coaches have no place on their teams for tango dancers, although both admit that the dances are all right in their place. Athletes, however, get enough exercise as it is in training. They hold the chances for sprains are many.

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Charleston, W. Va.—Two bouts of ten rounds each were staged before Governor Hatfield and members of the Legislature here February 12 to give them basis for decision on a bill to regulate boxing. Delegate Otto introduced the bill, which provides that matches be limited to ten rounds and they be staged only by clubs that have paid a license fee of $500.

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Boston.—A prediction that $2 will be the average price of admission to a major league baseball game, if the fight between the Federal League and organized baseball continued, was made by President J. J. Lannin, of the Boston Americans at a banquet of the Alumni Association of Boston College, last week. Mr. Lannin said that if the contest was greatly protracted it probably would mean the ultimate destruction of baseball.

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Col. Henderson's champion baseball club of West Virginia held their first annual meeting February 1st, which was a great success. He succeeded in signing his entire aggregation for the season of 1915. Among them was his star second sacker, Lee Hill, better known as "the king of the middle cushion." Col. Henderson and his entire team feel that they will have another successful year, and when the curtain drops in 1915 they will still be the undefeated champions of West **Virginia**.

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New York.—John Reisler, known as "John the Barber," began suits February 11 to recover $20,000 damages because he was refused admission to the garden Monday night to see the ten-round bout between Joe Shugrue and Freddie Welsh. John bought a $5 ticket, but was told at the gate that he could not enter. It is said that Reisler made himself objectionable by saying things detrimental to the club that holds forth in the big building. Henry J. and Frederick E. Goldsmith, attorneys at law, will be Reisler's seconds and chief advisers.

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Albany, N. Y.—That an attempt will be made in the present session of the Legislature to amend the Frawley boxing law so as to permit the holding of twenty-round decision bouts in this State, was indicated last week when Assemblyman McElroy said he intends to introduce a bill to that effect. The present law permits a ten-round no-decision bouts. The no-decision feature was included in the belief that it would discourage betting. Fifteen years ago, under the Horton law, twenty-round decision bouts were allowed in this State, and many championships changed hands in bouts held under its provisions.

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Palm Beach, Florida, is the scene of the baseball strife between the Breakers and the Poincianas. The Breakers' line up:

Giant, 1b.; Wallace, 2b.; Lloyd, s. s.; Francis, 3b.; Poles, lf.; Barber, rf.; Hill, cf.; Santop, c.; Pettus, c.; Johnson, Redding, Williams and Wade, pitchers.

The Poincianas' line up:

B. Taylor, 1b.; Clark, 2b.; Hutchinson, s. s.; J. Taylor, 3b.; Shiveley, lf.; Lyons, cf.; Thomas, rf.; Powell, c.; Pierce, c.; Dismukes, Harvey, Williams (String Beans), Beauford, **pitchers**.

THE WHITE SOX BASEBALL CLUB GETTING IN SHAPE—"STEEL ARM" JOHN TAYLOR WILL MANAGE—HIS WONDERFUL RECORD.

Louisville, Ky.—The Spring Bank Amusement Company, sole owners and operators of the White Sox Baseball Club, Louisvilles' only colored semi-professional baseball organization, and carrying a motto of "gentlemen on and off the diamond," announces that they will be in the field again this season furnishing the many patrons of this city with nothing but the best of attractions. Following the usual custom of the Spring Bank Amusement Company no stones will be left unturned to provide the thousands of followers of this club with the best that money can obtain.

Many improvements will be made at their park at Thirty-seventh street and Greenwood avenue, known as Spring Bank Park and the "Home of the Colored People of Louisville." An addition to the present grandstand will be erected so the fans who patronize this place of amusement can be properly accommodated. A new diamond will be laid out and the outfield when finished will resemble that of a big league park. An order for new uniforms has already been placed so that the boys will resemble big leaguers when the season opens.

"Steel Arm" John Taylor, one of the greatest colored ball players in the country, has been engaged to manage the Louisville White Sox during the coming season. He will have full control of the team and will bring to Louisville with him some of the best known colored players in this vicinity. His two brothers, Ben and Jim, will in all probability be seen at first and third bases respectively. Most of the stars of last year's team will be retained. "Steel," as he is most familiarly called, will reach Louisville about the middle of March and will immediately begin conditioning his players for the coming campaign, as they are booked to play the Cleveland Tigers, colored champions of Ohio, on April 4. Nothing but the best of attractions are being booked by the Spring Bank Amusement Company, which has had control of the local club here for a number of years.

What might be interesting to the many colored fans throughout the country is the following history of John Taylor:

A native of Anderson, S. C., John Taylor started out as a ball player in 1898 at the age of sixteen years. He acted as coach of Biddle University at Charlotte, N. C., in 1899, besides pitching for his own club. In the year 1899 he pitched two days in succession against the Shaw University of North Carolina and won both games, 5 to 3 and 4 to 2. It was at that instance that he was given the name "Steel Arm" and this name has been with him ever since. From 1899 up until the past season he has occupied the mound year in and year out, pitching from forty-five to sixty-five games a season besides finishing from fifteen to twenty games for pitchers who did not last the route. Taylor has been known to pitch as many as three games in one day. Taylor is a player of refined habits, having never touched intoxicants, smoked or kept late hours, which he attributes to his success. He has pitched six straight games at a time, winning six out of that number. In 1907 he pitched seventy-two successive innings without being scored on. In 1909, when he was a member of the St. Paul Gophers, he succeeded in winning seventeen straight games. In 1908, while a member of the Birmingham Giants, he pitched a seventeen-inning game against the Memphis Giants, winning by the score of 1 to 0. Taylor is thirty-two years of age and expects this to be his best season on record.

In 1912, while pitching against the Cincinnati Reds of the National League, he made a balk and lost to them by the score of 2 to 1. When a member of the Chicago Giants he lost only four games and his club finished second in the city league. He has had the honor of working in four no-hit games, winning two and losing two. Taylor was a member of the Indianapolis A. B. C.'s last season and while pitching against Wickware, of the American Giants, lost by the score of 1 to 0. The American Giants secured two hits while his club failed to make a safe drive. While with the St. Louis Giants in 1911 and pitching in Atlantic City Taylor was defeated by Fred Pennoch, of the Atlantic City Club, now with the Philadelphia Americans, by the score of 1 to 0. Taylor allowed two hits, while Pennoch allowed none. In 1910 Taylor shut out a club in Chicago without a hit and not a player reached first base. In 1909 he shut out a club at Hope, N. D., without a hit. He has a record of pitching seventeen shutouts in a season.

While all of the Taylor boys are ball players, their father, who is a preacher, never witnessed a baseball game and he has now reached the age of seventy-two years. He is the father of twelve children, eleven of whom are living.

H. C. Dickins, president of the Spring Bank Amusement Company, has opened his office at 217 West Market street, Louisville, Ky., and is anxious to hear from all first class teams intending to make this town during the coming season. Players wanting information regarding the local club may address Manager John Taylor, 833½ West Pratt street, Indianapolis, Ind.

JOHNSON BUCKING HOODOO OF YEARS.

New York.—Should Jack Johnson succeed in defeating Jess Willard at Juarez, on March 6, he will have accomplished a feat that has not been equaled in ring history. The nearest approach to it was when Bob Fitzsimmons, at the age of 35, conquered Jim Corbett at Carson City.

Whatever may be said against Willard, it is a fact that he is the best white heavyweight who has come to the front during the past ten years. Yet a supposedly dissipated Negro, at the age of 37, is picked to beat him. On the face of it there must be something wrong with such a conclusion.

In order to win, Johnson must perform what past pugilistic history shows is in the nature of a miracle. With the exception of Fitzsimmons, who was an all-round freak, no ring champion since the time of Sullivan has been able to defend his title at the age of 37, and even Fitzsimmons met defeat at that age. Today there is not a first-class man in any division as old as Johnson or even near his age.

There are very few men now before the public who are even 30 years old. None of them is anywhere near his best form. Among the heavyweights Joe Jeanette, at 35, is the oldest. For years Jeanette has been going back. He is no longer a card and he devotes his attention to fourth-raters. He has not stopped a good man for so long that his last decisive victory has been forgotten. Sam McVey, at 30, is next. McVey is still a formidable fighter, but he reached the height of his career several years ago. The rest of the heavyweight stars are under the 30-year mark.

The other classes show an even greater scarcity of 30-year men. Johnny Coulon ,at 25, was forced to relinquish the bantam title. Abe Attell, now 31, is out of the ring . He was only 28 when he lost his title, and he had been slipping for several years before that.

Matty Baldwin, of Boston, is one of the oldest lightweights still in the ring. Baldwin is 31. The turning point in this veteran's career came five years ago. Since then he has not won an important victory. Among the men who have held and lost the title of this class are Ad Wolgast, 27, and Willie Ritchie, 24. Battling Nelson, now 34, has retired. He lost the title at 28. Freddie Welsh, the present champion, is 27, and is about ready to fall, judging by his recent form.

The only prominent welterweight of any age at present is Packey McFarland, who has retired. McFarland is only 27, but he must have seen the handwriting on the wall or he would not have dropped out.

Only youth is represented in the middleweight division. Frank Klaus, 28, retired two years ago, and Billy Papke, 29, has not donned the gloves for an equal length of time. Mike Gibbons is 27 and Jimmy Clabby 25, while Eddie McGoorty is 26.

John L. Sullivan was 34 when he succumbed to Father Time, aided by the light taps of Jim Corbett. Sullivan was a physical wreck at that age and would have lost the honors years before he did had he met a first-class man.

Corbett's finish came when he was 31. Corbett continued in the ring for some years after he lost the title, but the rest of his pugilistic career was marked by an almost uninterrupted list of defeats.

Bob Fitzsimmons, the most remarkable figure in ring history, came into possession of the title at $35 and lost it at 37. Fitz was the exception that proves the rule in the case. But even this mighty warrior found it impossible to guard the honors after reaching the 37-year mark.

Fitzsimmons lost to Jim Jeffries, a giant, whose size, youth and strength more than offset the veteran's cunning ring generalship and terrific hitting. Size, youth and strength are the qualities upon which Willard will rely to prevent Johnson from surpassing Ruby Roberts's wonderful feat.

Jeffries was 29 when age and rapidly accumulating flesh warned him that it was time to retire. Six years later, when he was dragged out of retirement to face Johnson, he was but a pitiful wreck, and fell an easy prey. Now it is Johnson's turn.

TRYING TO GET A LINE ON THE BIG SCRAP.

Jack Curley, manager of the Johnson-Willard go, says that things are progressing nicely. He has had prepared the chart of the arena at Juarez, made by H. M. Bentell, Jr. The ringside seats will sell for $25 each. General admission will be $5. Other seats will sell at $10, $15 and $20.

Concerning Willard's chances, Tom Jones, his manager, writes:

"Instead of again going into details on the numerous qualifications of Willard as a dangerous opponent of Jack Johnson, let history answer the question.

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"Here they are:

"Who did Wellington beat before he whipped Napoleon at Waterloo?"

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"Who did James J. Corbett win from before he beat John L. Sullivan?

"Who did Bob Fitzsimmons defeat before he smothered Jack Dempsey?

"Who did Young Corbett drop before he made Terry McGovern bite the dust?

"Who did Ad Wolgast whip before he made Battling Nelson take the count?

"Who did James J. Jeffries knock out before he turned the trick on Bob Fitzsimmons?

"Who did Jack Johnson wallop before he won the title from Tommy Burns?

"Youth has won more battles than age.

"In race track parlance, Willard is a fresh horse pitted against track-sore Johnson.

"Think it over."

JOHNSON SAILS FOR CUBA.

Negro Pugilist is on His Way to Mexico.

Barbadoes, B. W. I.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist, accompanied by his wife and Frank Hagney, an Australian boxing partner, sailed on the four-masted schooner, Henry Krager, for Cienfuegos, Cuba, where he will connect with a special boat which will take him to Juarez for his bout with Jess Willard on March 6.

While here Johnson was made defendant in a suit for damages brought by the owners of the schooner, Lilian Blauvelt, who contended he had violated a contract to charter the vessel. The pugilist acted as his own lawyer and won the case ,although pitted against the chief government counsel.

On the voyage north from Montevideo Johnson acted as ship's cook and prepared the food for the entire crew.

JIM FLYNN ON JOHNSON.

"Willard is a waiter—slow to get started—and this will be a big asset to him in the bout March 6 at Juarez, Mexico, if 'Kid' Carranza and 'Spider' Villa do not decide to stage a little contest themselves. Tommy Burns and myself always went after Johnson aggressively and this is one of the reasons why we were not successful. Had we waited and stalled around like the Negro does the results may have been different. Johnson likes to meet his opponents 'coming in,' and pepper them with his long left. Now, it seems quite plausible that a youngster like Willard can play a 'waiting game' with the dusky fellow and carry him along for a few rounds until he tires, and then slip over the big wallop.

"Of course it's easy to figure, but the white man has every advantage when one comes to sum up the affair."

Flynn still contends that he can step some for an "old man," and pointed out that he has been in four hard bouts in the last twenty-six days.

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WILLIAMS GIVEN DECISION.

Johnson Shaded in Ten-Round Bout at the Flag.

Savannah, Ga.—For the ninth time Walter Johnson, of Jacksonville, and Lew Williams, of Savannah, fought ten rounds, and the referee has yet to count ten. In their bout last night at the Flag Athletic Club Williams, for the second time, secured the decision over Johnson in Charleston. Williams easily had the better of seven of the ten rounds, two of which went to Johnson, while the opening round was an even break.

Williams forced all the fighting and seemed as fresh at the end as when he started. While Johnson was also strong at the finish, he showed the effects of the hard punches Williams laid on him. Johnson's left optic was spiked in the second round and the flow of blood worried Johnson during the rest of the bout.

In the preliminaries Harold Smart was given a decision over Lee Dickinson, when the bout was stopped by Referee Yeager. Thaddeus Fraser made short work of his scrap with Charlie White. Williams's manager, Fraser pounded him to the canvas until Referee Yeager stopped the bout.

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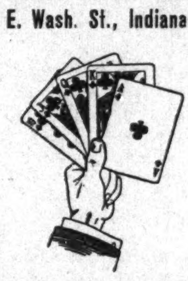

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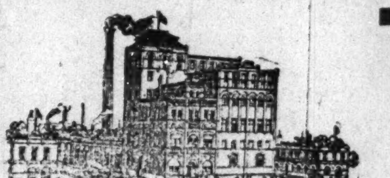

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LOCAL.

Mrs. Mary Moore is able to be out again.

W. B. Posey, who has been confined to his home in North California street, is able to be out again.

Henry R. Thomas, of 915 West Sixteenth street, left Tuesday for Louisville, Ky., to visit relatives.

The Flanner House settlement has organized a mother's club which will meet every Friday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Talbott, of 1615 Northwestern avenue, left Wednesday for Nashville, Tenn., for a month's visit.

The Royal Art Needle Club met with Mrs. Mattie Mason at her home on West Thirteenth street, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Elwood C. Knox went to Marion, Indiana, Wednesday, to visit her son, Edward, who is attending a business college there.

Miss Flora Carter has entered the Teachers' College to take kindergarten work. She is a graduate of the Franklin (Ind.) High School.

Harry W. Jackson will appear at Olivet Baptist church Monday evening, February 22, George Washington's birthday, in a dramatic recital.

James R. Smith, of 315 Roanoke street, left for Kansas City, Kansas, Monday night to visit his mother, Mrs. Nancy A. Smith, who is very ill.

Large audiences are attending the revival services being conducted at the Union Tabernacle Baptist church by the Rev. William Winfrey, of New Albany, Ind. The Rev. W. L. Thomas is the pastor of the church.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT Y. M. C. A.

Beginning February 28, the Rev. R. L. Bradly, of Detroit, Mich., will conduct evangelistic services for men at the Y. M. C. A. building. Much interest is being aroused among the members of the Y. M. C. A. and a large attendance is expected.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

Madam Meadows had a house full of strangers last Monday night of both white and colored people, and there were many turned away, as there was not any more room. She gave 85 messages to the vast crowd that was there and all were recognized. She makes all welcome and holds her meetings each Monday night from 8:30 till 10:30.

DR. A. CLAYTON POWELL TO LECTURE HERE.

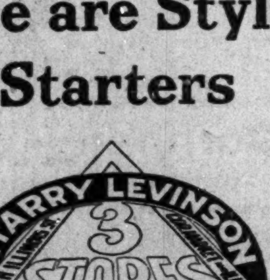
Dr. A. W. Clayton Powell, of New York, will lecture here in the Y. M. C. A. building on "The Little Foxes" on the night of February 26. A large audience is expected to attend the lecture, as Rev. Powell is said to be one of the greatest pulpit orators of the day.

MISS MAYBELLE SMITH ILL.

Miss Maybelle Smith, the popular stenographer of The Freeman office, was forced to go to her apartments Friday of last week and remain for a week owing to a severe attack of throat trouble. It is expected that she will be back on the job Monday.

INDIANAPOLIS B. Y. P. U. MEETS AT NOBLESVILLE.

The Indianapolis District of the B. Y. P. U., and Sunday school convention met at the Noblesville Baptist church, February 11, with the officers in their stations for the purpose of fostering the work and developing the minds of the young people. The people of Noblesville gave us a hearty welcome and entertained them royally. The convention closed with one of the most successful meetings of the year. Much good was done for the uplift of the work for God and His kingdom.



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WILL GIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Captain Robert Genus and Sergt. James Morris will give a joint birthday party at Odd Fellow's Hall Tuesday night, February 23, and will have as their guest the Patriarchie and past officers of the Odd Fellows.

INDIANAPOLIS MISS ENTERTAINED AT MONROE, LA.

Miss Lillian M. Niblac, of Indianapolis, Ind., was the guest at a party given by Miss Jessie McCoy, Mrs. Fred Estell and Mrs. Betty Ellis at Mrs. McCoy's residence, 117 S. Seventh street, Monroe, La. A dainty luncheon was served to about twenty young people.

MISS LILLIAN NIBLIC IS NOW TRAVELING IN THE SOUTH.

Miss Lillian Niblic, of this city, who is now traveling through the south, as secretary and bookkeeper for the N. A. Mackey Medicine Co., of New York City, is being royally entertained in the various large cities. She was a guest at several parties and dinners in Memphis, Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Monroe, La. She sends regards to all friends in Indianapolis.

MR. GEORGE G. SIMMONS VISITS SPENCER, IND.

Mr. George G. Simmons, of The Freeman, was delightfully entetrained by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Maxwell, of Spencer, Ind., where he visited last Sunday.

Mr. Maxwell has charge of the colorel school where he has been for several years. His family is interesting and intelligent.

THE "OIL KING" AND FORMER FOOTBALL STAR RETURN.

Mr. Virgil Shepherd, better known hereabouts as the "Black Oil King," has returned to the city accompanied by Mr. Arthur Harrison, a former football star of the old Herculean Squad. The "Oil King" has been spending a large amount of his time between Chicago and Gary following the sporting game. He looks to be in good health and enjoying prosperity. Mr. Harrison comes here direct from Canada where he has been a success but owing to failing health returned here for recuperation. Both have something up their sleeves to put over on the boys of Buck and White City.

THE HON. THOMAS TAGGART RECEIVES PRIZE ENGLISH BULL FROM ROBERT RIDLEY.

Dog With Far-Famed Pedigree Given Great Politician.

While in the city last Wednesday afternoon the Hon. Thomas Taggart was given a call by Robert Vance Ridley, the national organizer of the colored Elks, globe trotter and dog fancier. During the call Mr. Ridley presented Mr. Taggart with a fine pedigreed English bull dog. The noted politician and proprietor of French Lick Springs Hotel received the animal with much admiration and expressed himself in glowing terms for Mr. Ridley's gift. The dog carries with him a notable record both as a ratter and winner of prizes. He has a record of killing 607 rats in an hour and has taken off a half dozen prizes at Madison Square Garden (New York) dog shows. Mr. Ridley is residing at 418 N. West street during his stay.

A SWEET GIRL BABY COMES TO GRACE THE HOME OF S. WINFREY.

Father Wears a Smile That Won't Come Off Whatever Is Said And Done.

For the last five or six days he has been wearing a smile that won't come off for nothing that can be done or said. In spite of the fact that he has to attend some one's funeral nearly every day of his life and that he has to witness fair women and strong men weaping he wears that smile that won't come off. The birds of the air may be happy but they are not more happy than Mr. Shirley Winfrey, manager and head embalmer for James N. Shelton, the funeral director. Only a few days ago a chubby little ten-pound bouncing baby girl was left in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Winfrey, 1915 Yandes street, by a stout healthy stork and since that these two newlyweds have been the happiest pair in all Indiana. This fine young lady has been christened Alice and the proud father looks forward to the day when the winsome child shall be "Daddy-Pop's lady attendant."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Professor A. M. Hall, formerly at Butler College and also at Indiana University, will be the speaker next Sunday at the monster meeting. The day will be known as George Washington Day, and the subject of Mr. Hall's address will be "George Washington." The usual order of the day will be dispensed and women will be given permission to attend. The Y. M. C. A. Orchestra, the band and a great singing chorus will furnish the music. The management suggests that those who come early will receive seats, no promises are held out to those who are late. The program starts promptly at 3:00 p. m.

Rev. H. L. Herod will be the speaker at the Boy's Monster Meeting Sunday at 3:00 p. m. Special musical numbers by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson. If the day is favorable the Junior Y. M. C. A. Band will accompany one hundred boys on a march at 2:30 p. m. All boys are asked to join this parade. This will be a special feature of Sunday's monster meeting.

The campaign for new members is progressing nicely, and already many new faces are to be seen in the Boy's Department. Remember $1.00, ONE DOLLAR, $1.00, February 15-22. After these dates the membership will be $2.00.

Last Friday afternoon Madame C. J. Walker showed fifty-two boys, under the direction of J. M. Benson, through her establishment. The madame gave a fine description of what is being accomplished in her line of work.

Mr. James H. Lott fulfilled the expectations of the boys of the junior department at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon in a masterful address on Lincoln and Douglass. This meeting was one of the most enthusiastic of the series.

The management was fortunate in securing Rev. A. Clayton Powell to deliver his famous address on "Little Foxes" Friday evening, February 26. Dr. Powell will be in our city about four hours, arriving at six o'clock from the west and leaving at 10 p. m. for New York city. On account of his limited time in the city the program has been arranged to commence promptly at 8:00 p. m. and those desirous of hearing him should come early. The great festival chorus will render a selection. No admission fee will be charged.

The reports from the membership campaign are indeed gratifying and it is the prediction that the goal of 500 additional members will be passed. The campaign closes Monday night, February 25th. The terms for joining ear $1.00 and the balance $4.00 in 50-cent weekly payments. This perhaps will be the last time such unusual inducements will be offered. Better join now.

The basket ball game between our boys and the Louisville "Y" boys promises to be hotly contested. The line-up of the two teams is as follows:

Louisville "Y"		Indianapolis "Y"
E. P. King	Center	B. McGuire
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Wholesale Liquor Dealer is Now Located at 38 and 40 S. Capitol Avenue.

Mr. Ben Frieberg, the well known wholesale liquor merchant, has removed his establishment from the old location in West Washington street, to 38 and 40 South Capitol avenue, Indianapolis. The new location affords Mr. Frieberg the opportunity to increase his already large stock in order that he may be able to readily supply his fast growing business. He can be reached by telephone; old 1830; new 2716. Mr. George Bell, popularly known among the colored citizens of the city, is employed by Mr. Frieberg as the head shipping clerk and takes great interest in seeing that all orders reach all patrons, especially colored, almost within a moment's notice. This house is the sole distributor of Falstaf beer and Stone Root gin. Mr. Frieberg invites all friends to visit his new quarters where you will be extended every courtesy at all times.

THE FRANCES SPENCER BENEFIT

The K. of P. hall last Monday evening was the scene of a brilliant entertainment, a benefit for Miss Frances Spencer, a harp student, by Madame C. J. Walker. Miss Spencer will be assisted greatly in her efforts to secure a harp and to pursue her studies by the outcome of the entertainment which was highly successful.

An interesting program was rendered consisting of numbers by the Montani Bros.' orchestra and others including Miss Spencer, who gave two numbers on the harp.

The Program.

Montani Orchestra ....
Overture—"William Tell"
"Baracarolle"
"Just a Little Kiss"
"Old Kentucky Home"
Solo—"I Hear You Calling Me".... Noble Sissle
Accompanist at piano—Misc Clara Kirk.
Encore.
Harp—"Chansont Sans Parolles" Dubez
"Last Rose of Summerr"
Frances Spencer.
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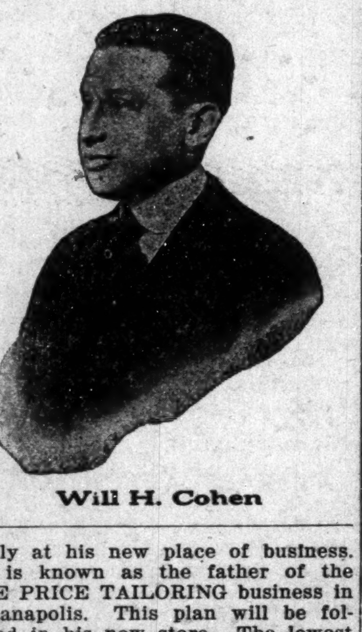

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE SECTION

Of the Woman's Council Continues Its Discussion of Various Topics of Interest.

After the regular business session on Tuesday night the following program was given:

Miss Nora Roberts, principal of School No. 23 read a paper on "Child Delinquency and Some Possible Remedies." Miss Roberts' address was unusually strong, bringing out some startling facts along this line. A round table discussion of her paper by the larbe number of interested women present, created a feeling in the hearts of each that we are indeed our brother's keeper. Other social organizations will do well to have Miss Roberts read her paper before them.

Miss Esther Bowmans's paper on "What Youth May Contribute to the Community," contained an earnest appeal for greater sympathy and appreciation from the more mature workers for the value of youth that our young people might realize their opportunities.

A very pleasing feature of the program was an aesthetic interpretation of "Autumn" by Miss Ruth Guthrie in costume. Miss Guthrie is very poetic and graceful in her movements and bids fair to be an artist in this special line.

The Social Welfare department of the Council under the direction of its chairman, Mrs. Lillian Menderson, has had these various discussions preparatory ti a full appreciation of the Child Welfare exhibition now being held in this city.

Next Tuesday, Feb. 23, Dr. H. G. Hill, who is an authority on these subjects, will be the speaker at the fifth in the series of educational meetings held at the Y. M. C. A. building. His subject, "A New Conscience" will deal with possible remedies for many of the social evils of the day. These meetings are open to all. Mrs. Lillion Jones Brown is president of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the residence of the president Monday evening, March 1st, at which time Mrs. W. E. Miller, of South Bend, who has been appointed by the governor to look into the conditions affecting working women of this state, will give a resume of all legislation affecting women during the phesent session of the legislature. Mrs. Miller will be glad to answer questions bearing on this subject.

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ette, spoke on "Conscious Evolution." She called attention to the growing consciousness on the part of the two races and said that more and more the white man was beginning to see his own faults. She said slavery was as much against the white man as the black man. "Race Progress in Latin America" was the subject of an address by Lincoln Bates. He called attention to how the races in Latin America were becoming to understand each other and as a result a better feeling is being brought about. He praised Haiti and said that the black republic was often misunderstood. The last speaker was Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, editor of the Crisis. When Mr. Dubois rose to speak he received a pronounced ovation. He spoke on the "Immediate Program of the Negro." Dr. Dubois exposed the shams and hypocrisy that surround the Negro question and said that such unfair methods were bound to react. He said the Negro wanted political, civil and social equality. Dr. Dubois said if peace and patience did not solve the race problem, war and strife must. It was a notable meeting and did much to impress upon the people the strong men and women of both races who are members of the association who are fighting the new fight of freedom. In the audience were members of the organization from many sections of the country who came to attend the annual meeting of the association which was held last Friday afternoon in the parish house of St. Mark's M. E. church. The afternoon meeting was opened only to the members of the association and business was discussed bearing on the work of the organization. The evening meeting was an inspiring one and was a distinct tribute to the memory of Lincoln. The presence of the governor at the meeting was significant and the meeting will go down in history as one of the most notable ever held in this country. To Professor J. E. Spingarn, the donor of the Spingarn medal, the Negro youth throughout the nation will regard him as a great American.

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A Promising Young Pastor.

It is interesting to note the promising futures of many of the young men of the race and the places that they are destined to hold in the affairs of the race. Most of these young men have carved out their own careers. Among the young men of the race who is reflecting credit on the young manhood is Rev. E. D. Caffee, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist church of Richmond, Va. This church is one of the growing churches of Richmond is fast taking place among the leading churches of the south.

The church has a membership of 800 and is well organized. Rev. Caffee has been pastor of the church for one year and during that time many new features have been instituted. The financial system of the church is well worked out. Rev. Caffee was born in Rushton county, Alabama, and is the son of James Caffee, a well-known farmer of that section. He attended the public schools of that section. He later attended Gammon Theological Seminary but went to Virginia Union University in Richmond where he graduated from the theological department. While at the seminary Rev. Caffee was one of the most active students at the university. He is now a member of the senior class of the university and will receive his A. B. degree this June. Rev. Caffee has attained much eminence as a writer of verse and in the "Men of the Month" of the Crisis he was prominently mentioned as a writer. He has earned the reputation of the poet-pastor.

He is active in the affairs pertaining to the race and is the president of the university chapter of the N. A. A. C. P. He represented his chapter at the meeting of the association in this city last week. In 1908 he married Miss Della Thomas, a graduate of Hartshorn Memorial College. Rev. Caffee is a young man of delightful personality and is especially attractive to young people. Last Sunday he preached at Mt. Olivet Baptist church, of which Rev. Hayes is the pastor.

CLEVELAND G. ALLEN.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(By Robt. Burnett.)

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held their meeting Sunday, February 14, at St. Paul's M. E. church, East Long street. Headed by Dr. Johnson, business of importance was transacted and much good is expected of this league. .. Columbus is filled with "jitney" busses. But where are the "jitneys." Mrs. Ella Church, of South Parsons avenue, has been suffering for some time with rheumatism. It is reported she is some better. .. Mr. J. W. Windsor, of 900 1-2 East Mt. Vernon, is on the sick list. .. Mr. William Hale, of London, O., visited his parents on West Lane avenue Sunday. He will return Monday to his duties. .. Mr. Houston Bailey, of 293 North Fifth street, is now confined in the tuberculosis camp. .. First act: There is a barber shop in the East End, where all the barbers are named "Charlie." Occasionally a girl will call up and say "I want to speak to Charlie." They all talk to the phone. Second act: Clean house. .. Mrs. Nubie, of 557 Boone street, who received a broken arm some time ago, is much better. .. Mr. J. P. Hardin (attorney), of Indianapolis, Ind., is in our city for a few days. Attorney Hardin has a case before the pardon board of Ohio. He is now stopping at the Y. M. C. A. .. Mr. Cline Trindell, who has been in Cincinnati for a few weeks, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Katherine Trindell, of 216 Cleveland avenue. .. The quarterly conference was held at the Hawthorn M. E. church last Sunday. Rev White, pastor. The afternoon services were touching. Rev. J. Courtney, presiding elder. .. The Epworth League of the Eleventh Street M. E. church rendered a program Sunday night with great effect. The program is known as the Freedman's Aid Anniversary. The house was packed and the collection good. .. Hush, Sonnie Clark; don't you cry. You'll be a pool player by and by. .. Big Banks is well known as the champion coon eater of Ohio. That's why they are so scarce around here. .. Mr. Joe White has added a surprise to his American four-cylinder roadster—a coat of many colors.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On last Wednesday night, February 10th, the Protective League gave a grand concert at the Victoria Theatre to raise money to help the poor and sick. The concert was a success, some of the best talent of the city taking part. Dr. R. W. Jackson, the president of the Protective League, is now doing great good for the city. Some of the little boys who used to go around raggy and barefooted are now wearing good clothes and looking decent. Much credit is due the organization. God bless them all. .. On last Friday night, February 12th, was held the Lincoln-Douglass celebration, under the auspices of the Preachers' Union, at Bryant Baptist church. Quite a large crowd witnessed the celebration. Many good speeches were heard. .. The Brunswick Bakery is making some new improvements and will open its doors to the public soon. There you can get all the nice pies, cakes, bread and rolls. Patronize the colored bake shop.

ELECTED MEMBER OF BOARD.

Special to The Freeman.

ATLANTA, GA.—At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Standard Life Insurance Company of this city, B. J. Davis, editor of the Independent was elected a member of the board.

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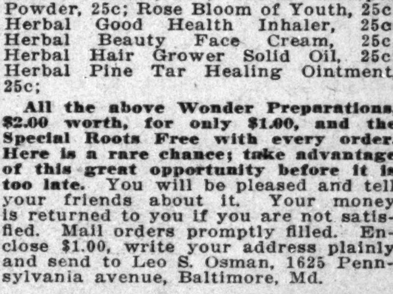

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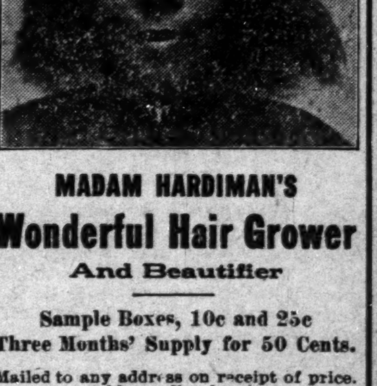

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Miss Flora Brown wishes to find her brother, Charlie E. Brown, of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of Atlanta, Ga. Any information as to his address write The Freeman, February 27.

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The whereabouts of Mrs. Mary Pierce and children. Her husband, Charlie Pierce, a waiter, worked in Palm Beach and the Palmer House. Their daughter is Eva. When last heard of they lived at 2708 Armour avenue, Chicago. Business awaits them by addressing

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